



# FAQs for GIG Cambridge International AS & A Levels programme

## 1. What is Cambridge International AS & A Level?

Cambridge International AS & A Levels courses are taken by over 175 000 learners in nearly 130 countries every year. They are typically for learners aged 16 to 19 years who need advanced studies to prepare for higher education.

They are subject-based advanced academic qualifications designed for students in the final two years of high school, preparing them for university and further study. They are equivalent to the Plus One and Plus Two programmes of the Indian curriculum.

The Cambridge Advanced Subsidiary (AS) Level is the first half of the full Advanced (A) Level course. Cambridge AS Level is typically one year, while Cambridge A Level typically takes two years.

## 2. What skills do the Cambridge AS & A Levels develop in students?

To prepare learners for university study, the Cambridge AS & A Levels syllabus develops their knowledge and skills in:

- Independent thinking
- Thinking logically and presenting ordered and coherent arguments
- Working and communicating in English
- Making judgements, recommendations and decisions
- Applying knowledge and understanding to new as well as familiar situations
- Handling and evaluating different types of information source
- Thinking logically and presenting ordered and coherent arguments
- Presenting reasoned explanations, understanding implications and communicating them logically and clearly

## 3. Are Cambridge AS & A Levels recognized with universities internationally?

Yes, Cambridge AS & A Level qualifications are widely accepted by universities worldwide, providing students with opportunities for university placements anywhere, including Singapore, India, the UK, USA, Canada, and more. 95% of students taking Cambridge International AS & A Levels progress to university.

National University of Singapore (NUS) welcomes applications from students holding a good pass in at least three Cambridge International A Levels modules/subjects. Many applicants submit good passes in four or more modules. A total of all subject grades in two sittings taken within 12 months of each other is allowed.

For more details on the worldwide universities that accept Cambridge qualifications, and their recognition and acceptance policies, visit here: [www.cambridgeinternational.org/recognition](http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/recognition)

#### 4. Are Cambridge qualifications accepted in India?

Yes, nearly all Indian universities with undergraduate programmes recognise Cambridge qualifications, and many more accept them upon application. Indian higher education institutions recognise Cambridge International A Levels as equivalent to Indian senior secondary (Class 11 and 12) qualifications.

For more information, visit

<https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/Images/375743-a-guide-to-apply-to-indian-universities-with-cambridge-qualifications.pdf>

#### 5. What makes GIG's Cambridge AS & A Levels programme different?

- Small Class Size
  - a. Not more than 25 students
  - b. Increases focus on the individual
  - c. Ensures involvement of every learner
- Affordable Fees
  - d. High-quality education at affordable fee
  - e. 20% Early Bird discount saving you more than S\$10,000 on full course fees if you register NOW till 25th December 2025
- Additional **\*Support Services\***, to help your child excel in Cambridge AS & A Levels Courses, and seamlessly transition into securing top university placements in the future.

#### 6. Why should I take Cambridge AS Levels?

We provide the Cambridge International AS Level programme to give students valuable feedback on their performance, identifying strengths and weaknesses before they complete their full Cambridge International A Level.

#### 7. What are the minimum entry requirements for Cambridge AS & A Level Courses?

- Age: minimum 15 years old
- Language:
  - O Level English – Minimum Grade - C6
  - OR Cambridge IGCSE English Minimum Grade – D
  - OR Equivalent to Cambridge IGCSE-English, Minimum Grade D

If a student's score in English in the above 3 qualifications is E, the student will be offered English General Paper (AS Level Only) - 8021 instead of English Language - 9093.

- Academic:
  - O Level – Minimum Grade - C6 in 4 subjects of which 1 subject has to be English in O level
  - OR Cambridge IGCSE - Minimum Grade – D in 4 Subjects of which 1 subject has to be English in IGCSE Level
  - OR Equivalent to Cambridge IGCSE – Minimum Grade - D in 4 Subjects of which 1 subject has to be English in Equivalent to Cambridge IGCSE Level

## 8. How many modules/subjects should be taken?

Most students take 3-4 subjects to balance depth with workload and university requirements. For specific modules offered, click [\\*here\\*](#).

## 9. How are Cambridge AS & A Levels graded?

Cambridge International A Levels are reported on a grade scale from A\* (highest) to E (minimum passing grade), according to Cambridge International Education. There is NO A\* grade for Cambridge International AS Levels, which are reported from grade A to E.

Each module/subject is graded separately and NO Grade Point Average is calculated. Separate certificates are issued for each examination series (AS and A Level). Grades are awarded only for modules that candidates pass.

The Percentage Uniform Mark (PUM) is a numerical mark provided alongside grades for each subject. It transfers a candidate's results to a common scale which reports how well they performed within that grade. For example if a candidate achieves a PUM of 79, then they are at the top end of a B grade.

### A Level grade: PUM range

| AS Level grade | Percentage uniform marks range (PUM) |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| A              | 80-100                               |
| B              | 70-79                                |
| C              | 60-69                                |
| D              | 50-59                                |
| E              | 40-49                                |

| A Level grade | Percentage uniform marks range (PUM) |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| A*            | 90-100                               |
| A             | 80-89                                |
| B             | 70-79                                |
| C             | 60-69                                |
| D             | 50-59                                |
| E             | 40-49                                |

## 10. Will GIG provide the extra modules required for AICE Diploma?

The Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) Diploma is a group certificate which requires learners to study a compulsory core subject, Cambridge AS Level Global Perspectives & Research\*, with Cambridge AS & A Level subjects drawn from three curriculum areas: mathematics and science (Group 1), languages (Group 2), and arts and humanities (Group 3)

GIG offers the modules/subjects spread across all 3 Groups, required for the AICE Diploma.

| Group 1<br>(Mathematics & Science)   | Group 2<br>(Languages)  | Group 3<br>(Arts & Humanities)                           |
|--|-------------------------|--|
| Mathematics - 9709<br>Mathematics-Further - 9231<br>Biology - 9700<br>Chemistry - 9701<br>Physics - 9702 | English Language - 9093 | Accounting - 9706<br>Economics - 9708<br>Business - 9609 |

\*Cambridge AS Level Global Perspective & Research - 9239 may be offered, as an extra module/subject, provided a minimum cohort size is met.

To achieve the Cambridge AICE Diploma, learners must achieve a minimum of seven credits (including Cambridge International AS Level Global Perspectives & Research) from module/subject Groups 1, 2, and 3 to be awarded the Diploma. Learners must achieve at least one credit from each of Groups 1, 2 and 3.

The remaining credits can come from any of the groups. A Cambridge International AS Level is awarded one credit, and a Cambridge International A Level is awarded two credits.

For more information visit [www.cambridgeinternational.org/aice](http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/aice)

## 11. Does GIG provide the Mother Tongue Language (MTL) modules required for admission into Singapore universities like NUS and NTU?

MTL modules/subjects like Hindi, Tamil, and more may be offered, as an extra module/subject, provided a minimum cohort size is met.