

COLLEGE NIGHT FOR GRADE 11 PARENTS

JFKS - Spring 2024



OVERVIEW OF APPLYING FROM JFKS TO...

- The United Kingdom
- The Netherlands
- Ireland
- Germany
- The United States
- SAT's
- Q & A's

STUDYING IN THE UNITED KINGDOM



- Some of the oldest and most highly regarded universities in the world
- 3 year bachelor degrees with direct entry to major/course of study
- Large international student population
- Many have campus-affiliated housing
- Cost
 - Oxford: Tuition between £33,050 and £48,620 per year (€38,527 - €56,678)
 - University of South Wales offers scholarship for EU student = Home Fees (€9,000)
- Student must know what they want to study and be well-prepared for course (AP/LK subjects)
- Set program with little-to-no flexibility

U.K. APPLICATION TIMELINE AND PROCESS

- **30 April 2024** – Courses will be shown in UCAS.
- **14 May 2024** – Can start undergraduate application, but cannot submit until **3 September 2024**.
- **15 October 2024 at 18:00 (UK time)** – Any course at Oxford and Cambridge, and most courses in medicine, veterinary medicine/science, and dentistry. Additional choices can be added later.
- **29 January 2025 at 18:00 (UK time)** – deadline for the majority of courses.

- Students are allowed 5 course applications in total (may apply to multiple courses at the same university).
- Only one **Personal Statement**, so must be generic enough to cover all universities and courses, but specific enough to show passion.
- **Predicted grades/exam results**
- One **Reference Letter**
 - **School Details**
 - **Extenuating Circumstances**
 - **Other Supportive Information** (preparation for course)



University of Glasgow

US HS Diploma

- **Method 1 - SAT 1280 AND 2 AP examinations** (in relevant subjects): **4 +**
- **Method 2 - 3 AP examinations** (in relevant subjects): **4 +**

Abitur

The normal minimum requirement is **an overall average grade of 1.7 with grade 12 in 4 Abiturprüfung subjects**. Any required subjects should be taken, when possible, at Advanced Level (Leistungsfach). Certain degree programmes require a higher standard.

STUDYING IN THE NETHERLANDS



- Well-regarded research institutions
- Relatively easy admissions for non-N.F. courses
- English widely spoken
- Dutch relatively easy to learn for German speakers
- Housing (cost and availability)
- Requires independence (social life not tied to uni)
- Must demonstrate success in the first year

- Research Universities (require 3-4 AP exams)
 - Numerous Fixus programs
- University Colleges (Liberal Arts)
- Universities of Applied Sciences (may accept U.S. diploma without AP's)

DUTCH TIMELINE AND APPLICATION COMPONENTS

- **December 1** - Early Bird for some University Colleges
- **January 15** - Numerus Fixus programs – Limited to one or two applications (Psychology, Medicine, International Business, Physiotherapy, Computer Science)
- **February 1** – Regular for some University Colleges
- **April 1** - Those who need a visa (non-E.U.)
- **May 1** - E.U. citizens

Required Documents

- Transcript
- Verification of English level

Depending on Program

- Motivation Letter
- Letter(s) of Recommendation
- C.V. or Resume
- Predicted Grades/Exam Scores



DUTCH ENTRY REQUIREMENTS WITH U.S. DIPLOMA

For an equivalent level of the Dutch pre-university diploma (VWO) you will need the following:

- USA High School Diploma with at least 3 content-based* AP Exams (grades 3-5) and a high school GPA 3.0/4.0

* May include only 1 of the following at the most: AP Capstone: AP Research/AP Seminar; AP Music History/Music Theory; AP Studio Art: 2-D Design/2-D Art and Design; AP Studio Art: 3-D Design/3-D Art and Design; AP Studio Art: Drawing/Drawing

Degree	Subject-Specific Requirements
Medicine	AP Calculus AB or BC, AP Chemistry, AP Biology, AP <u>Physics II</u>
Biomedical Engineering	AP Calculus AB or BC, AP <u>Physics II</u>
-International Relations -Media Studies -Psychology	none
*University College	Mathematics (as a final year course)

*Overall SAT score of 1300 (incl. at least 600 points on the Math section) and with an overall high school GPA between 3.0 and 4.0.



DUTCH ENTRY REQUIREMENTS WITH GERMAN ABITUR

For an equivalent level of the Dutch pre-university diploma (VWO) you will need the following:

- **Zeugnis der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife**

Degree	Subject-Specific Requirements
Medicine	Biology LK/eA, Chemistry GK/gA, Physics GK/gA, Mathematics Gk/gA All courses must be concluded in both years (and both semesters) of upper secondary
Biomedical Engineering	Mathematics LK/eA, Physics LK/eA
-International Relations -Media Studies -Psychology	none
*University College	Mathematics (as a final year course)

DUTCH UNIVERSITY FEES

Program	EU Passport Holders	Non-EU
Standard Degree	€ 2,530	€ 9,000 - € 20,000
University Colleges	Tuition Average € 5,200 Housing +/- € 9,060	Tuition Average € 14,500 Housing +/- € 9,060

STUDYING IN IRELAND



- EU Country (no visa) with English as primary language
 - Safe and welcoming environment
 - Strong job opportunities
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- Grey and gloomy weather
 - High cost of living (especially in cities)

TIMELINE



Trinity College Dublin
Coláiste na Tríonóide, Baile Átha Cliath
The University of Dublin

- ▶ Applications normally open by Nov 1st
- ▶ Applications close June
- ▶ Advise applicants to **Apply by February 1st** to ensure a decision by April 1st
- ▶ Accept offer by May 1st
- ▶ Trinity College Dublin has a rolling admission after May 1st throughout June

Applicant with a U.S. Diploma



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High School Transcript	A cumulative <u>unweighted</u> GPA of 3.2 or better (B+ average).
SAT Reasoning Test	A minimum score of 1250 - 1400 combined Math and English sections and no score less than 500.
Two Letters of Recommendation	One from College Counsellor and one from a faculty member
Academic Statement	One page (500 words) stating why you would like to study at Trinity College Dublin
Basic requirements	English, mathematics and a second language, as well as three further subjects
Special requirements	Some courses will have specific subject requirements e.g. mathematics for Engineering. See course listings for details.

Recognised School Leaving Qualifications

- Abitur
- Zeugnis der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife

Minimum Entry Requirements

Overall minimum of 3.0 in the Durchschnittsnote. Six distinct subjects (examined or final year) to include English, mathematics and another language. Grade 10 in three examined subjects must also be presented.

Indicative Points Equivalence

As a guideline, assuming there are sufficient distinct recognised subjects, it is anticipated that the indicative equivalence will be based on the Durchschnittsnote and calculated as follows:

Points Equivalence Table	
Durchschnittsnote	IPS
1.0	600
1.5	530
2.0	460
2.5	395
3.0	323
3.5	251
4	200



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TUITION/FEES

The cost of courses varies depending on the course and the selected institution

- Example Trinity College Dublin - Global Business **2023-24 Fees:**
 - EU Citizens who qualify under the Free Fees scheme pay a Student Contribution Fee of **€3,000 per academic year**
 - The Student Contribution covers non-tuition student services (examination entry fees), support for student services and clubs and societies
 - EU (non-citizen) **€5,681 per year**
 - International Students **€19,280 per year**

STUDYING IN GERMANY



- **COST!**
- Relatively close to home and familiar culture
- Transition to studying in German for some Diploma students

GERMAN UNI REQUIREMENTS WITH U.S. DIPLOMA

It is obligatory for your High School Diploma to be acquired after continuous attendance of the classes 9 to 12 at a US High School and to comprise a total of 16 "academic units":

- 4 units English with a **minimum grade C (3-)**: English IV or Honors or AP English,
- 2 units Second Language,
- 3 units Social Studies,
- 5 units in total Mathematics and Science:
 - 2 or 3 units Mathematics with a **minimum grade C (3-)**: Algebra II or Trigonometry and Precalculus,
 - or 3 units Science with a **minimum grade C (3-)**: Biology, Chemistry or Physics,
- 2 academic units free to choose.

GERMAN UNI REQUIREMENTS WITH U.S. DIPLOMA

■ Mathematical subjects, Technology, Natural Sciences, Medicine or Pharmacy

The following subject areas must be covered by your AP tests with at least grade 3:

- Mathematics (Calculus AB or BC)
- 1 natural science subject (Biology, Chemistry or two half AP tests in **Physics C**)
- 1 language (French, Spanish, Latin, German, English Literature or English Language and Composition)
- 1 further subject (e.g. European History, American History, Computer Science A, or Macroeconomics and Microeconomics)

■ Humanities, Social Sciences, Jurisprudence or Economics.

The following subject areas must be covered by your AP tests with at least grade 3:

- **English** (English Literature or English Language and Composition)
- 1 further foreign language (French, Spanish, Latin, **German**)
- 1 mathematical/natural science subject (Calculus AB or BC, Biology, Chemistry or two half AP tests in **Physics C**)
- 1 further subject (e.g. European History, American History, Computer Science A, or Macroeconomics and Microeconomics)

STUDYING IN THE UNITED STATES



- Over 3,000 colleges and universities - huge diversity
 - Flexibility: of degree programs, deciding major, and transferability
 - Global recognition of degree
 - Integrated social life
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- **Cost!** (University of Chicago - \$89,000 per year)
 - Reverse culture shock
 - Far away from family and friends

Fit is More Important than Ranking

University	QS World Ranking	2022 Admit Rate
University of Amsterdam	53	47%*
Ohio State University	151	52.7%
Emory University	166	11.4%
Arizona State	179	89.8%
University of Sussex	218	61%*
University of Colorado	264	80.7%
Tufts	379	9.7%
Northeastern	375	6.8%

*Estimate –Varies by Program

ADMISSION CRITERIA: SELECTIVE SCHOOLS

- Common Application or Coalition Application
- High School Transcript
- Standardized Testing
- Extracurricular Activities List
- 2 Teacher Letters of Recommendation
- 1 letter of Recommendation from a Counselor
- Common App Essay
- School-Specific Short Answers

The people at the pinnacles of private enterprise have similarly diverse educational pedigrees. Among the chief executives running the top 10 companies in the Fortune 500, only two were undergraduates at American schools with current acceptance rates under 20 percent (Harvard and Boston College). One was educated in Britain and one in India, and the remaining six hold bachelor's degrees from the University of Arkansas, Texas A&M, Auburn University, the University of Nebraska, the University of Colorado and the University of California, Santa Cruz.















The New York Times

OPINION

The Real, Hidden Truth About College Admissions

Aug. 3, 2023

SELECTIVITY AND FINANCIAL AID

Rank	University	Overall Score	
116	 University of Southern California Los Angeles, United States	57.1	 Shortlist
=118 ↑	 University of California, Davis Davis, United States	56.7	 Shortlist
=132	 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Chapel Hill, United States	53.2	 Shortlist
=134	 Texas A&M University College Station, United States	52.9	 Shortlist
136	 Michigan State University East Lansing, United States	52.7	 Shortlist
=141	 Université de Montréal Montreal, Canada More Details	52.1	 Shortlist
=145	 Rice University Houston, United States	51.9	 Shortlist

Michigan State University / Acceptance rate

88%

2022

University of Southern California / Acceptance rate

12%

2022

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill / Acceptance rate

17.1%

2022

Rice University / Acceptance rate

8.7%

2022

SAT DATES

SAT Test Dates 2023-24	Deadline for Registration
May 4, 2024	Apr 19, 2024
June 1, 2024	May 16, 2024

Register Early!!!

Anticipated 2024–25 Test Dates

August 24, 2024

~~October 5, 2024~~

~~November 2, 2024~~

December 7, 2024

March 8, 2025

~~May 3, 2025~~

June 7, 2025

PAYING FOR US SCHOOLS

- **Financial Aid** (income-based) **Grants and Loans**
 - **FAFSA** – Free Application for Federal Student Aid (Government Aid for US Citizens)
 - **February 15 Priority Deadline** (File taxes early, or based on previous year)
 - **CSS Profile** – College Scholarship Service (Aid at Private Universities via students' College Board account)
- Scholarships
 - Merit
 - Athletic
- In-State Tuition
- Community College

IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **Letters of Reference** must be requested one month before first deadline
 - Some schools specify who it must be from (i.e. two teachers from different academic disciplines in Grade 11 or 12)
 - Ask now if a teacher will be leaving JFKS or taking a Leave of Absence
- **Language Verification**
 - Letter of Language Instruction at JFKS
 - English: IELTS, TOEFL, Duolingo
 - German: Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang (DSH) Level 2, Goethe-Zertifikat C2
- **Transcripts** (both official and unofficial) are issued by Registrar in Haus Reil
- **Gap Year** (Over 40% of JFKS graduates take one)



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS