

# COLLEGE NIGHT FOR GRADE 11 PARENTS

JFKS - APRIL 26, 2023



# 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 £28,950 and £44,240 per year (€32,704 - €49,976)
- 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

- **2 May 2023** – Courses will be shown in [UCAS](#).
- **16 May 2023** – Can start undergraduate application, but cannot submit until **5 September 2023**.
- **16 October 2023 at 18:00 (UK time)** – Any course at Oxford and Cambridge, and most courses in medicine, veterinary medicine/science, and dentistry. You can add choices with later.
- **31 January 2024 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** (New Format for 2024)
  - **School Details**
  - **Extenuating Circumstances**
  - **Other Supportive Information**



# 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.

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## German Abitur

Typical Offer: overall result of 2.0 to 2.2 or better.

## U.S. HS Diploma

We look at your full profile considering everything you are studying, including the High School Graduation Diploma, Grade 12 GPA, SAT tests and AP tests. We expect to see a combination of these qualifications.

Alongside your High School Graduation Diploma, we would ideally like to see **3 good AP scores** with a combined SAT test score (evidence-based reading and writing and mathematics) of 1300

### **AP Exams**

Please check the individual course pages for our typical A-level offer and see below for the corresponding scores we would require from AP test scores:



A Level requirements	AP test grades
AAA (Medicine + BMAT Exam)	555
AAB (Law, Psychology)	554
ABB (Politics, International Business, Marketing)	544
BBB	444

# STUDYING IN THE NETHERLANDS



- 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)

- 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)

# 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 (E.U.)

Student	Academic year 2023-2024
Full-time	€ 2,314
Part-time or dual	€ 1,703
Bachelor Global Responsibility and Leadership (University College)	€ 4,588

The Dutch government is halving tuition fees for first-year students in higher education who pay the statutory (EU) tuition fees.

**Those who meet all the conditions will pay in the 2023-2024 academic year:**

Regular full-time bachelor programmes: €1,157 instead of €2,314

Part-time and dual bachelor programmes: €852 instead of €1.703

Bachelor University College Groningen: €3,431 instead of €4,588

- **Nationality**
- Dutch passport holders;
- EU/EEA nationals;
- Swiss nationals;
- Non-EEA nationals who are family members of an EU citizen resident in the Netherlands (not a Dutch nationality);
- Non-EEA nationals with a Dutch residence permit of type II, III or IV, and in certain circumstances type I;
- Surinam nationals.

# 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
- ▶ We advise our Applicants to **Apply by February 1st** to ensure you receive a decision by April 1st
- ▶ Accept offer by May 1st
- ▶ Trinity College Dublin has a rolling admission after May 1st throughout June

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# Applicant with a U.S. Diploma



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<b>High School Transcript</b>	A cumulative <b><u>unweighted</u></b> GPA of 3.2 or better (B+ average).
<b>SAT Reasoning Test</b>	A minimum score of 1250 - 1400 combined Math and English sections and no score less than 500.
<b>Two Letters of Recommendation</b>	One from College Counsellor and one from a faculty member
<b>Academic Statement</b>	One page (500 words) stating why you would like to study at Trinity College Dublin
<b>Basic requirements</b>	English, mathematics and a second language, as well as three further subjects
<b>Special requirements</b>	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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# EU UNDERGRADUATE FEE STATUS

- **EU undergraduate applicants are defined as someone who is "ordinarily resident" in the EU**
  - **AND** who will have received full-time post primary education
  - **OR** who has official refugee status
- **AND**
  - who has been "ordinarily resident" in the EU for three of the five years immediately preceding admission to Trinity College Dublin. For students aged under 23, the student's parent(s) must also have been "ordinarily resident" in the EU for three of the five years prior to the student's admissions.



## EU STATUS (WITH IRISH FREE FEES INITIATIVE ELIGIBILITY)

- Must have lived in the EU for at least 3 of the 5 years before starting your course.
- You must also fulfill one of the following criteria:
  - **Be a citizen of the EU** or
  - **Have official refugee status**
- You must also fulfill all of the following course requirements:
  - You must be undertaking a full-time undergraduate course of at least 2 years' duration.
  - You must be a first-time full-time undergraduate.
  - In general, you must not be repeating the year because of failing your exams or changing course. This exclusion may be waived if you repeat a year due to certified serious illness.

# TUITION/FEEES

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



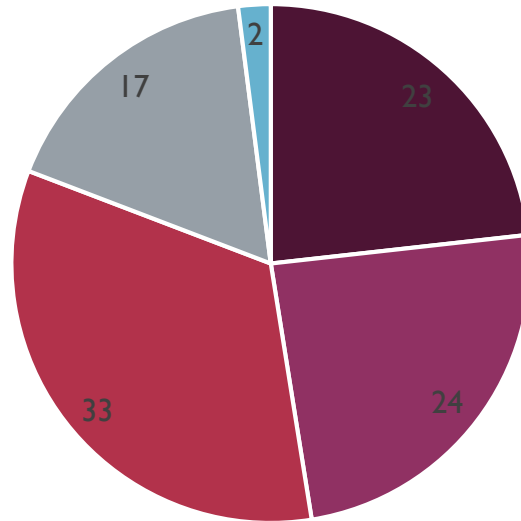
- Over 3,000 colleges and universities - huge diversity
  - Flexibility: of degree programs, deciding major, and transferability
  - Global recognition of degree
  - Integrated social life
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- **Cost!** (Kenyon College - \$83,740 per year)
  - Reverse culture shock
  - Far away from family and friends

# COLLEGE SEARCH: BEST FIT

Location	Urban	Rural	Suburban	Red/Blue State
Student Enrollment	Small: Fewer than 5,000	Medium: 5,000-15,000	Large: 15,000-30,000	Huge: More than 30,000
Education	Liberal Arts	University	Conservatory	Specialty School
Athletics	Division 1/2	Division 3	Club Sports	Group Sports
Student Life	Large Greek Life	Service Oriented	Cultural Clubs	Quiet Campus

# COLLEGE SEARCH: SELECTIVITY

## Admission Rate Distributions



- Open Admission
- 75% or more Accepted
- 50 to 75% Accepted
- 25 to 49% Accepted
- Less than 25% Accepted

- 25% or higher: Vassar, Boston College, **Oberlin**, UVA, **Wake Forrest**, Wellesley, Tulane, NYU, Michigan\*
- Some Schools, like Stanford, have single digit admission rates
- Have aspirational choices, realistic choices, and safe choices

\* **Information from 2019**



# A WORD ABOUT RANKINGS

University	QS World Ranking	2021 Admit Rate
University of Amsterdam	58	47%*
Ohio State University	140	57.2%
Emory University	155	13.1%
Arizona State	219	88.2%
University of Sussex	240	65%*
Tufts	312	11.4%
University of Colorado	317	79.6%
Northeastern	388	18.4%

\*Estimate –Varies by Program

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# SELECTIVITY AND FINANCIAL AID

The University of Virginia admits just “27 percent of applicants and spends about 6 percent of its own aid dollars on merit scholarships.” Virginia Tech, on the other hand, “accepts around 70 percent of students who apply and spends 75 percent of its aid without regard to financial need.” Ten years after graduation, **“graduates earn nearly identical average salaries.”**



Selingo, Jeffrey - Who Gets In and Why: A Year Inside College Admissions, 2020\*

\*In March the student newspaper at UVA reported an admission rate of 16% for their incoming class.

# THE APPLICATION PROCESS

## Applications

Common App

Coalition App

Universal App

School Specific  
App

## Timeline

Early Decision

Early Action

Regular Decision

Rolling

## Testing Requirements

SAT or ACT

Test Optional

Test Blind

## Other Requirements

Letters of  
Recommendation

Extracurricular  
Activity

Essays or Short  
Answers

# TEST OPTIONAL - A PIE WITH DIFFERENT PIECES

W/Testing and Interview



- Grades
- Interview
- Essays
- Testing
- Extra-Curricular
- Letters of Recommendation

Without Testing and Interview



- Grades
- Extra-Curricular
- Letters of Recommendation
- Essays

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# 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

# SAT DATES

SAT Test Dates 2022-23	Deadline for Registration Changes, and Cancellation
May 6, 2023 ( <u>Digital</u> )**	Apr 21, 2023
June 3, 2023 ( <u>Digital</u> )**	May 19, 2023

Tentative SAT Test Dates 2023-24
August 26, 2023
October 7, 2023
November 4, 2023
December 2, 2023
March 9, 2024
May 4, 2024
June 1, 2024

# PAYING FOR US SCHOOLS

- **Financial Aid** (income-based) **Grants and Loans**
  - **FAFSA** – Free Application for Federal Student Aid (Government Aid)
    - **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**
  - English: IELTS, TOEFL, Duolingo
  - German: Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang (DSH) Level 2, Goethe-Zertifikat C2
  - Letter of Language Instruction at JFKS
- **Transcripts** (both official and unofficial) are issued by Registrar in Haus Reil
- **Gap Year** (Over 40% of JFKS graduates took one)





# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS