

BLACKPOOL SIXTH ENTRY CRITERIA

The table below shows details of the standard college entry requirements. Subject-specific requirements may apply and are listed here and on the college's website. If you don't achieve a grade 4 in GCSE Maths and/or English Language, you will re-sit these as part of your programme of study.

PROGRAMME	STANDARD GCSE GRADES REQUIRED
A Level Programme (Level 3)	Two grade 5s and three grade 4s at GCSE including a grade 4 in English language
Excellence Programme	An average of grade 7 at GCSE
T Level Programme (Level 3)	Two grade 5s and three grade 4s at GCSE including both GCSE maths and English language
Combined Programme (A Levels and Level 3 Vocational - BTECs/CTECs)	Five grade 4s at GCSE including a 4 in Maths or English
Vocational Programme (Level 3 A Level equivalent)	Five grade 4s at GCSE including a 4 in Maths or English
Foundation Programme (GCSE equivalent)	Four grade 3s at GCSE with a 3 in either Maths or English and a 2 in the other

Study Programmes



A Level Courses

We require at least two GCSEs at grade 5 and three GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English language. **You must also meet the specific requirements for the individual courses you want to take.**

A LEVELS	SPECIFIC GCSE REQUIREMENTS
Accounting	At least a 5 in Maths
Ancient History	At least a 5 in an essay-based subject
Art, Craft and Design	At least a 4 in Art or Design Technology subject (if studied at school) or portfolio of work demonstrating appropriate creative skills
Biology	At least a 6 in Biology or 5/6 in Combined Science and a 5 in Maths
Business Studies	At least a 4 in English Language and Maths. Grade 4 or BTEC Pass in business (if studied at school)
Chemistry	At least a 6 in Chemistry or 5/6 in combined science and a 5 in Maths
Computer Science	At least a 5 in Maths and a 4 in English Language
Drama and Theatre Studies	At least a 4 in Drama (if studied) (up-to-date experience will be considered as an alternative)
Economics	At least a 5 in Maths plus a 5 in an essay based subject
Electronics	At least a 5 in Physics or 5/5 in Combined Science and a 5 in Maths
English Language	At least a 5 in English Language
English Literature	At least a 5 in English Literature
English Language and Literature (Combined)	At least a 4 in English Language and English Literature
Environmental Science	At least a 5/5 in Combined Science and a 4 in Maths
Film Studies	Standard entry requirements
Fine Art	At least a 4 in Art or design technology subject (if studied at school) or portfolio of work demonstrating appropriate creative skills
French	At least a 5 in French
Further Maths	At least a 7 in Maths (must take A Level Maths too)
Geography	At least a 5 in Geography (if studied) and a 5 in an essay based subject
German	At least a 5 in German
Graphic Design	At least a 4 in Art or design technology subject (if studied at school) or portfolio of work demonstrating appropriate creative skills
Law	At least a 5 in an essay-based subject
Mathematics	At least a 6 in Maths
Media Studies	Standard entry requirements
Modern History	At least a 5 in History (if studied at school) and 5 in an essay-based subject
Music Technology	Standard entry requirements. Any prior experience of using production software will help students become familiar with recording features, edit screens and plugins
Photography	At least a 4 in Art or design technology subject (if studied at school) or portfolio of work demonstrating appropriate creative skills
Physical Education	At least a 4 in PE (if studied at school) and a 4 in any single science or 4/5 in Combined Science
Physics	At least a 6 in Physics or 5/6 in combined science and a 6 in Maths
Politics	At least a 5 in an essay-based subject
Psychology	At least a 5 in an essay-based subject, 4 in Maths and 4/5 Combined Science or a 5 in Biology (single)
Religion, Ethics and Philosophy	At least a 5 in Religious Studies (if studied at school) and 5 in an essay-based subject
Sociology	Standard entry requirements
Spanish	At least a 5 in Spanish
Statistics	At least a 5 in Maths
Textiles	At least a 4 in Art or design technology subject (if studied at school) or portfolio of work demonstrating appropriate creative skills

Vocational Courses

Vocational study programmes include courses like BTECs, CTECs and T Levels that are equivalent to A Levels at level 3. Courses are offered as **SINGLE** (Extended Certificate -1), **SINGLE +** (Foundation Diploma - 1.5), **DOUBLE** (Diploma - 2) or **TRIPLE** (Extended Diploma -3). Your study programme will include three (or the equivalent of three) courses.

We require five grade 9-4 passes (or equivalent) including English language or maths. You must also meet the specific requirements for the individual courses you want to take.

SINGLE Extended Certificate (1)	SINGLE + Foundation Diploma (1.5)	DOUBLE Diploma (2)	TRIPLE Extended Diploma (3)
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VOCATIONAL LEVEL 3	SPECIFIC GCSE REQUIREMENTS	SINGLE	SINGLE +	DOUBLE	TRIPLE
Applied Science CTEC	At least a 4/5 in combined science and a 4 in Maths	✓			
Art and Design Practice BTEC	At least a 4 in Art or design technology subject (if studied) or portfolio of work demonstrating appropriate creative skills				✓
Business BTEC	Standard entry requirements	✓		✓	
Criminology DIPLOMA	At least a 4 in English Language	✓			
Dance BTEC	At least a 4 in English Language and at least 2 years of dance training in any style		✓		✓
Engineering CTEC	At least a 4 in Physics and another single science or 4/5 in combined science and a 5 in Maths				✓
Fashion Design, Promotion and Marketing BTEC	At least a 4 in Art or design technology subject (if studied) or portfolio of work demonstrating appropriate creative skills				✓
Film & TV BTEC	At least a 4 in English language				✓
Health and Social Care BTEC	At least a grade 4 in Science and completion of a DBS Check	✓		✓	✓
Information Technology BTEC	Standard entry requirements	✓		✓	
Music Performance BTEC	At least ABRSM (or equivalent) grade 4 in Music (instrumental/vocal) or pass an audition		✓		✓
Musical Theatre BTEC	At least 2 years recent practical experience in performance		✓		✓
Sport BTEC	Standard entry requirements			✓	
Sport and Exercise Sciences BTEC	At least a 4/4 in combined science or 4 in Biology			✓	✓
Travel and Tourism BTEC	Standard entry requirements			✓	✓
Uniformed Protective Services BTEC	Standard entry requirements			✓	✓

T-Levels

T levels are an exciting new alternative to A levels, BTECs, apprenticeships and other 16-19 courses. Developed with employers, they are equivalent to three A levels and combine the academic elements of A Levels with the vocational aspects of BTECs and the practical experience of apprenticeships. As a T level student, you will spend 80% of the course in college learning relevant academic knowledge and skills and 20% in an industry placement, putting these skills into action.

T-LEVELS	SPECIFIC GCSE REQUIREMENTS
Health	Two grade 5s and three grade 4s including Maths, English language and Science
Cyber Security	Two grade 5s and three grade 4s including Maths, English language and Science

Additional

Interested in gaining an extra qualification alongside your three main subjects? Core Maths is ideal for aspirational students wanting to strengthen key maths skills, while the EPQ is a great way to explore academic interests beyond A Levels - both with clear links to university and career success.

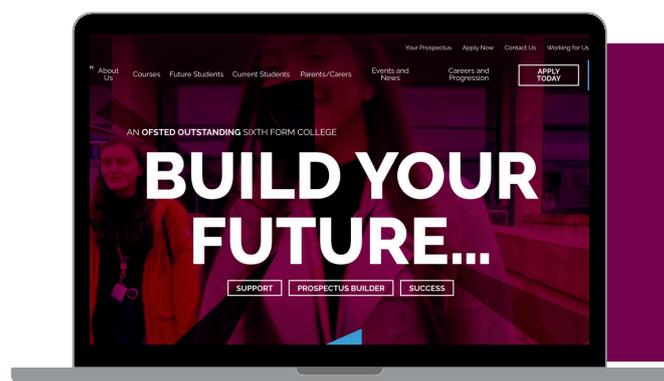
	SPECIFIC GCSE REQUIREMENTS
Core Maths	At least a 5 in Maths
EPQ	Average GCSE point score of 7

The Foundation Programme

The Foundation Programme is designed for students who have just missed out on the entry requirements for our level 3 programmes. This three year option enables them, in the first year, to gain further qualifications at level 2 and develop the skills required for future success before moving onto a two year level 3 programme.

Your study programme will be made up of the equivalent of four GCSEs including GCSE maths and/or GCSE English language as required.

BTEC LEVEL 2	SPECIFIC GCSE REQUIREMENTS	SINGLE	DOUBLE
Applied Science BTEC	Four grade 3s GCSE with a 3 in either Maths or English and a 2 in the other	✓	
Business BTEC		✓	
Creative Skills (art, design and media) BTEC			✓
Health and Social Care BTEC			✓
IT BTEC		✓	
Personal Growth and Wellbeing BTEC		✓	
Public Services BTEC			✓



All course information and other information regarding study programmes is correct at the time of printing, however the details may be subject to change.

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