
The following information provides information and guidance on the RVC's approach to the admission of applicants to its undergraduate courses in light of the GCSE and A-level reforms. A synopsis of the reforms can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/reform-of-as-and-a-level-qualifications-by-ofqual>

The RVC will be accepting the new A-level and GCSE qualifications, and will determine offer levels on an equivalent basis to the current qualifications. Based on the information currently available (as at May 2016), we do not plan to make A grade C will be grade 4 under the new grading system and a grade A will be aligned to a grade 3. We do not require English applicants to offer the English Baccalaureate (EBacc). GCSE Mathematics-Numeracy will not be accepted instead of GCSE Mathematics but is offered alongside it.

We do not expect applicants to take three A-levels and our standard offers will be made on this basis. We appreciate that some applicants, during the transition period, will apply with a mixture of 'old' and 'new' A-levels and we will not penalise applicants in this situation. We also appreciate that changes in different countries within the UK mean that applicants may be taking either modular or linear qualifications or a combination of both. The RVC will not give any preference or additional value to applicants taking linear qualifications. We will accept applicants who have taken three A-levels, including the Extended Project. Our offers will take into account grades achieved at AS-level and A-level that are also being taken at the same time.

We will continue to have a requirement for practical work in the practical subjects. We will continue to require students to pass the practical work in the practical subjects to reflect this.

Where the Welsh Baccalaureate Core (Level 3) is accepted in lieu of a third A-level, the RVC will require it to be passed at the same grade as from an A-level.

The RVC will not require applicants to offer the new Core Maths qualification and applicants who do offer this will not receive any advantage over those who do not.

The RVC has reviewed the changes to both the Pearson and City and Guilds Level 3 Extended Diploma provision. As a result changes have been made to our entry requirements for applicants taking these courses (taught from September 2016). Our entry requirements for these courses have been published on the relevant entry requirement pages on our website.

We are happy to answer any specific questions or concerns any applicants, schools/colleges, parents or advisors may have. Please contact our admissions office email: admissions@rvc.ac.uk or telephone: +44 (0)20 7468 5147.