

ais and Further Education in UK

At ais we offer a comprehensive further education counselling service, which starts at admission with the process of subject selection, includes further education options, including course selection through to university application.

The following information gives a brief overview of that process and explains how our examination system is incorporated.

University Requirements UK

University and college applications to UK universities are made in the August - October prior to entry in the following year or for a deferred entry after a gap year. These applications are administered by UCAS - the University and Colleges Admissions Service. Entry to university will be dependent upon IGCSE and AS-level and predicted results (where available), but an offer will usually be conditional upon students meeting certain other criteria i.e. specific grades in certain subjects.

Certain degree courses will require specific subjects to be taken at A-level and students need to be sure of these before making their options. Our Further Education Tutors help students find this information.

On the UCAS point system Grade A* at A Level carries 140 points, Grade A is worth 120 points and so on down to E, worth 40 points. The AS-level grades are worth half the number of points attached to full A-level grades.

Universities have reaffirmed that they are looking for applicants "who can demonstrate a broad range of achievement", i.e. those who have evidence of a breadth of interest and skill and who show commitment to extracurricular activities in addition to their academic achievements.

It is important that all students are counselled about career options and university/college entrance before making their final decisions on AS- and A-level subjects. We organise that students meet their tutors and talk to subject teachers to ask for specific advice and guidance.

Useful Websites

Further information on UK universities can be found at: **www.ucas.com**

<http://www.connexions-direct.com>: Further information about careers in UK job areas.

www.bbc.co.uk/education/work/careers: A guide to careers and qualifications.

<http://www.lnat.ac.uk>: for students wishing to study Law in the UK or US.

www.timesonline.co.uk: The Times Online - University Guide, includes critiques of all UK universities and the league tables.

www.bbc.co.uk/webguide: BBC WebGuide - Higher Education Comprehensive guide to non-BBC websites.

For students wishing to study in Switzerland there are specific requirements for Swiss Universities (see our "ais College and Further Education in Switzerland" information sheet).