

# University of Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) Media Information

## Cambridge International A and AS Levels

### What are Cambridge A and AS Levels?

International A Level is one of the most recognised qualifications around the world and accepted as proof of academic ability for entry to universities worldwide.

Cambridge International A Levels typically take two years to complete and offer a flexible course of study that gives students the freedom to select the subjects that are right for them. International A Level is the world's most popular international examination for 17-18 year olds. Cambridge has offered International A Level for more than 50 years.

Cambridge International AS Level is typically taken at the mid-point of an A Level programme and is optional. Schools can offer AS Level as a qualification in its own right to increase breadth in the curriculum and allow students to complement other subjects they are studying. AS Level has half the value of an A Level and is also accepted for entry to university courses across the world.

Cambridge International A and AS Levels are taken in over 100 countries (over 90,000 entries a year).

### Structure

Study and examination at A Level give students in-depth knowledge and lifelong skills that prepare them for success in higher education and employment.

Schools and students find A and AS Levels very flexible. Schools can offer almost any combination of the wide choice of subjects available.

Students have the freedom to select the subjects that are right for them - either follow a broad course of study, or specialise in a particular area.

### Popularity

In Singapore where Cambridge International A Level is the state qualification they are respected around the world for their high quality education. Singapore tops many education league tables.

In the US, state schools in Florida are using the Cambridge programme to raise academic standards. This has resulted in students at the University of Florida who have Cambridge qualifications out performing IB and Advanced Placement students at the end of their first year.

In New Zealand, growing numbers of schools are choosing Cambridge International A Levels as an alternative to the national system

### How does International A Level differ from UK A levels?

It is significantly different in that it is a linear course rather than a modular course. It is also designed with an international audience in mind. CIE is the only exam board in the world to offer International A Level. It is recognised and well respected by universities in the UK and internationally.

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## Cambridge International A and AS Level subjects:

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[Arabic Language](#)  
[Arabic Literature](#)  
[Art and Design](#)  
[Biology](#)  
[Business Studies](#)  
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