

COLLEGE NIGHT - GRADE 11

JFKS - Spring 2025



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 £35,260 and £59,260 per year (€41,600 - €70,000)
 - University of South Wales offers scholarship for EU student = Home Fees (€11,200)
- 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

- **29 April 2025** – Courses for 2026 entry will be shown in UCAS.
- **13 May 2025** – Can start undergraduate application, but cannot submit until **2 September 2025**.
- **15 October 2025 at 18:00 (UK time)** – Any course at Oxford and Cambridge, and courses in medicine, veterinary medicine/science, and dentistry. Additional choices can be added later.
- **14 January 2026 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**
 - **School Details**
 - **Extenuating Circumstances**
 - **Other Supportive Information** (preparation for course)



University of Glasgow

US HS Diploma Range

- **A*AA:** SAT score of 1280 PLUS two APs at 5, 5 or transcript showing Honours/Advanced/AP level course in Year 11 or 12 at A in mandatory prerequisite subjects

to

- **BBB:** SAT score of 1280 PLUS two APs at 4, 4 or transcript showing Honours/Advanced/AP level course in Year 11 or 12 at A in mandatory prerequisite subjects.

Abitur Range

- **A*AA:** Award of Abitur with overall average grade of 1.5 with grade 12 in 4 Abiturprüfung subjects.

to

- **BBB:** Award of Abitur with overall average grade of 1.9 with grade 12 in 2 Abiturprüfung subjects and grade 11 in 2.

STUDYING IN THE NETHERLANDS



- 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)
- Must demonstrate success in the first year

- Research Universities (usually require 3-4 AP exams and an unweighted 3.0 GPA)
- University Colleges (modeled on American liberal arts colleges - Selective admissions)
- Universities of Applied Sciences (may accept U.S. diploma without AP's)

DUTCH TIMELINE AND APPLICATION COMPONENTS

- **December-January** - Early Bird University Colleges
- **January 15** - Numerus Fixus programs – Limited to two applications (Psychology, PPLE, International Business, International Relations, Physiotherapy, Computer Science)
- **February-May** – Regular for 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 unweighted GPA of 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
International Business	AP Calculus AB or BC
Biomedical Engineering	AP Calculus AB or BC, AP <u>Physics II</u> , AP Chemistry
-International Relations -Media Studies -Psychology	None
University College	Mathematics (as a final year course) + SAT 1300



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
International Business	Mathematics LK or gk
Biomedical Engineering	Mathematics LK/eA, Physics and Chemistry (at least one at LK/eA)
-International Relations -Media Studies -Psychology	none
University College	Mathematics (as a final year course)

DUTCH UNIVERSITY FEES

Program	EU Passport Holders and Long-term Residents	Non-EU
Standard Degree	€ 2,530	€ 9,000 - € 20,000
University Colleges	Tuition Average € 5,000 Housing +/- € 9,000	Tuition Average € 14,500 Housing +/- € 9,000

STUDYING IN IRELAND



- EU Country (no visa) with English as primary language
- Safe and welcoming environment
- Strong job opportunities

- 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

Timeline may vary, depending on if you are applying as an EU or non-EU applicant

- Applications portal opens **Nov 1st**
- Normal application deadline **February 1st**
- Late Application deadline **May 1st**

Applicant with a U.S. Diploma



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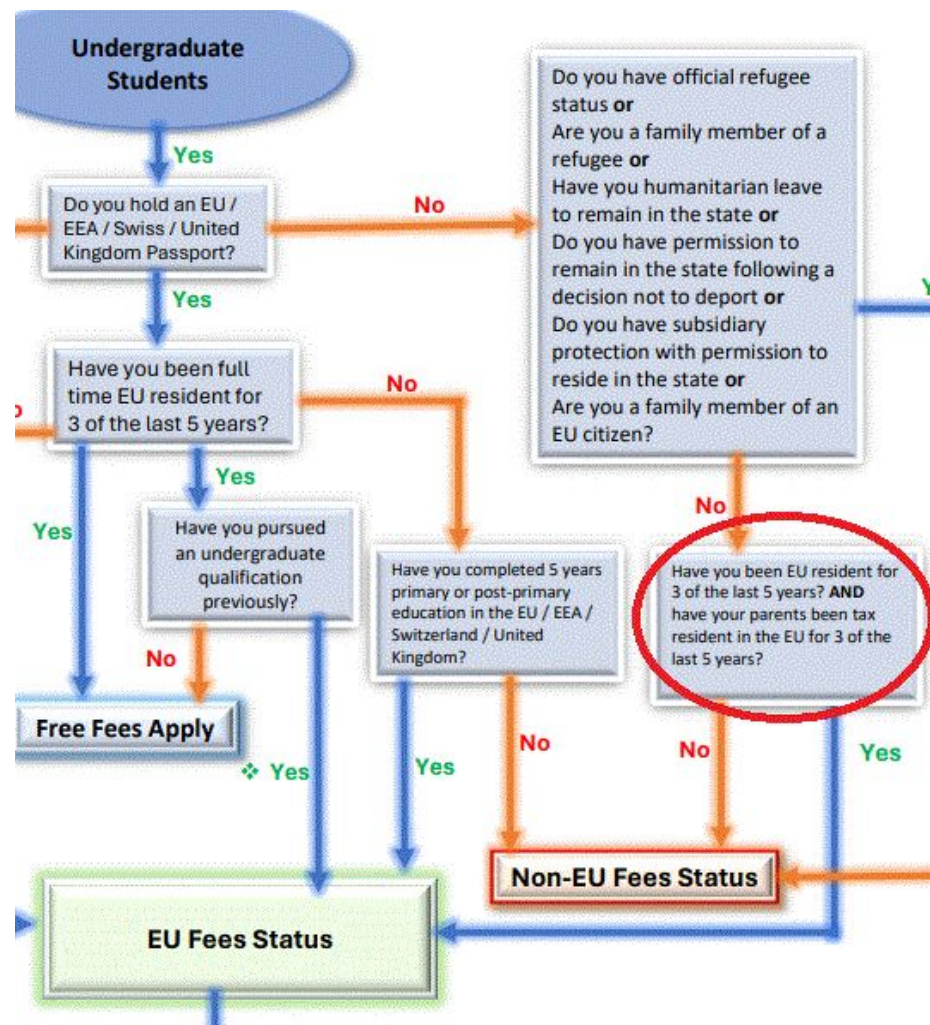
TUITION/FEEES

The cost of courses varies depending on the course and the selected institution

- Example Trinity College Dublin - Global Business **2024-25 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 Long-term Residents (non-citizen) **€5,681 per year**
 - International Students **€21,570 per year**

An EU long-term resident is a non-EU citizen who has resided legally and continuously in an EU country for five years and meets specific requirements, granting them similar rights to EU citizens, including access to employment, education, and social security.

Status in Germany must be **Daueraufenthalt – EU** on German residency card



STUDYING IN GERMANY



- **COST!**
- Relatively close to home and familiar culture
- Transition to studying in German for some Diploma students

GERMAN REQUIREMENTS WITH U.S. DIPLOMA

■ Unweighted 3.0 GPA at graduation

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!** (Columbia - Tuition \$71,170 per year)
 - Reverse culture shock
 - Far away from family and friends

Timeline for Applications to the United States

- **Early Action/Early Decision** - November 1 or 15
- **Regular Decision** - December to January
- **1st Semester Transcripts Sent** - January
- **Admissions Decision Due** - March 30
- **Statement of Intent to Register** - May 1

It is essential that students follow all communications from potential colleges

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 2024-25

Deadline for Registration

June 7, 2025

May 22, 2025

2025–26 Test Dates

August 23, 2025

September 13, 2025

~~October 4, 2025~~

November 8, 2025

December 6, 2025

March 14, 2026

~~May 2, 2026~~

June 6, 2026

Register Early!!!

Fit is More Important than Ranking

University	QS World Ranking	Approximate Admit Rate
University of Toronto	25	43%
UCLA	42	8.6%
Penn State	89	54%
Freie Universität Berlin	97	15%
TU Eindhoven	136	50%
Rice University	141	8.7%
Arizona State	200	90%
University of Florida	215	23%

PAYING FOR US SCHOOLS

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



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS