

Cambridge Pre-U media information

Cambridge Pre-U examination results will be published on Thursday 16 August 2012

This year sees the third full examination session for Cambridge Pre-U

For schools looking to move away from A Levels or to increase the range of qualifications they offer, Cambridge Pre-U is rapidly becoming the preferred alternative. The third full examination series for Cambridge Pre-U was held in May and June 2012 and results will be published on Thursday 16 August 2012.



Key statistics

152 schools in the UK are registered to teach Cambridge Pre-U (72 state and 80 independent)

Entries for June 2012 up **32%** on June 2011 worldwide

Entries for June 2012 up **28%** on June 2011 in the UK

26% more schools entered candidates for June 2012 compared with June 2011

The most **popular** Cambridge Pre-U subjects are Literature in English, French, History, Mathematics, Global Perspectives and Research

Cambridge Pre-U at a glance

- An exciting post-16 qualification which is now taught in over 170 independent and state schools (worldwide).
- Developed in collaboration with schools and in consultation with universities and subject associations.
- Equips students with the skills they need to make a success of their studies at university such as enquiry, critical thinking and independent research.
- A two-year course with no assessment at the end of year one, providing more teaching time and freedom for learning. Students can spend more time exploring topics that really interest them in class.
- Includes syllabuses that give students freedom to choose their own topics, so they can develop their own interests and ideas. Every syllabus has been carefully designed to inspire, challenge and reward teachers and their students.
- Recognised by UK universities and a growing number of US universities, including all Ivy League colleges.
- Funded for state schools and regulated by Ofqual.
- Has an extended grade range at the top to recognise outstanding achievement.

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About Cambridge International Examinations

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How is Cambridge Pre-U graded?

Cambridge Pre-U has a scale of nine grades. The top grade, Distinction 1, reports achievement above Grade A* at A Level. Distinction 3 is aligned to Grade A at A Level. The lowest pass grade, Pass 3, is aligned to Grade E.

The table below shows the UCAS tariff awarded to each Cambridge Pre-U Principal Subject grade and how that compares with the tariff for A Level. Universities use the tariff to make comparisons between applicants with different qualifications.

Many universities and employers say that the high number of students achieving Grade A* at A Level makes it hard to choose between applicants. The Cambridge Pre-U grade scale addresses these concerns by reporting achievement more finely at the top end.

Cambridge Pre-U grade	Cambridge Pre-U Principal Subject UCAS tariff	Equivalent A Level UCAS tariff
Distinction 1 (D1)	tbc	n/a
Distinction 2 (D2)	145	(A*) 140
Distinction 3 (D3)	130	(A) 120
Merit 1 (M1)	115	
Merit 2 (M2)	101	(B) 100
Merit 3 (M3)	87	(C) 80
Pass 1 (P1)	73	
Pass 2 (P2)	59	(D) 60
Pass 3 (P3)	46	(E) 40

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