

## Cambridge Pre-U Diploma\*

**\*To be read in conjunction with Cambridge Pre-U: Guide for UK Higher Education Admissions Staff**

Candidates qualify for the **Cambridge Pre-U Diploma** if they achieve at least a pass grade in the following four elements:

- three Pre-U Principal Subject Certificates
- Pre-U Global Perspectives and Research Report (**GPR**)

### Calculating the Score of the Cambridge Pre-U Diploma

The Cambridge International Level 3 Pre-U Certificates in the Principal Subjects are qualifications in their own right. Each individual Principal Subject is graded separately on a scale of nine grades: D1 (Distinction 1), D2, D3, M1 (Merit 1), M2, M3, P1 (Pass 1), P2, P3.

These grades are reported on a **separate certificate to the Cambridge Pre-U Diploma itself**.

Each element or component of the Diploma is awarded a score, as shown in the table below. The scores for all four elements are then aggregated to create **a single score out of 96 for the Cambridge Pre-U Diploma as a whole**.

Contribution of each element to the Diploma score		
Grade	Principal Subject	GPR
D1	24	24
D2	22	22
D3	20	20
M1	18	18
M2	16	16
M3	14	14
P1	12	12
P2	10	10
P3	8	8

To qualify for the Cambridge Pre-U Diploma, a candidate must achieve at least P3 in all their Principal Subjects **and** GPR, that is, achieve **a minimum of 32 points**. **The maximum score that can be awarded is 96**, that is, a candidate must achieve the top grade, D1, in **all four** elements.

### Using other qualifications within the Diploma

To allow for programmes that combine other qualifications with Cambridge Pre-U, **candidates are permitted to substitute up to two Principal Subjects within the Diploma**.

Qualifications that can be used instead of Principal Subjects must be approved by the regulatory authorities for England, Wales and Northern Ireland (Ofqual, DCELLS and CCEA) and may be drawn from:

- GCE A Level qualifications (excluding AS Awards and GCE General Studies)
- Scottish Advanced Higher qualifications
- International Baccalaureate Level 3 Certificate Higher Level qualifications

The maximum UCAS tariff score for the qualification must also be at least 120 points. A full list of qualifications that can be used instead of Principal Subjects can be found at <http://register.ofqual.gov.uk>.

**Note that no substitutions will be permitted for GPR.**

The points score for qualifications imported into the Diploma will be established through equivalence in the UCAS tariff. Candidates importing a qualification that has a lower maximum UCAS tariff than the Pre-U Principal Subjects will not have access to the 'points' equivalent of the highest Pre-U grades.