



Qualification Reform Statement

The University of Portsmouth has carefully considered the various changes qualifications and reviewed our entry requirements and offers to reflect the new reforms, and to ensure we do not disadvantage applicants.

For 2017 entry, the University will continue to make offers based on the UCAS Tariff points system for most undergraduate courses. If you are applying for entry to the University in September 2017, your offer will reflect the new points system being introduced by UCAS. You can find out more about the new Tariff on the UCAS website at www.ucas.com/new-tariff

We will continue to accept the AS qualification as part of our offer on selected courses. Applicants that present AS Level grades will be assessed against the UCAS Tariff, which from 2017 awards points at 40% of the same grade at A Level.

We will continue to require applicants to achieve a minimum of 3 GCSEs to include English and Mathematics, or equivalent for entry to all of our courses. Under the reform of the GCSE grading system we will accept Grade 4 as being equivalent to the current Grade C. Some courses require a higher GCSE grade, or achievement in other subjects. Details of these are listed on the course pages in this prospectus.

We appreciate that some students may be applying to university in the next few years with a combination of old and new style A/AS Levels and GCSEs. We will not discriminate between different styles of these qualifications.

The reform of the BTEC qualifications includes changes to the qualification size, content, structure and assessment. At present, schools and colleges are able to deliver the old QCF or the new RQF qualifications. We will give equal consideration to both the old and new qualifications. The effect of the changes upon collective performance level is uncertain. Therefore we will continue to monitor trends in performance as these are established, and will make changes to future entry requirements if required.

Decisions will continue to be made holistically, based on a wide range of factors including previously achieved qualifications, predicted grades, the strength of the personal statement and the evidence of achievement and potential provided in the academic reference.

If you have any questions or require further information please e-mail our Admissions Team at admissions@port.ac.uk