



Office of the Academic Registrar

Admission Requirements and Progression Pathways

Level	Minimum Admission Requirements	Progression Pathways
Higher Education Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education with at least two subsidiary passes or its equivalent.b. Vocational Qualifications at level 2 or level 3 of the Uganda Vocational Qualifications Framework.c. Qualifications equivalent to Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education (UACE) as determined by the National Council in consultation with the Uganda National Examinations Boardd. An ordinary certificate from an institution recognized by NCHE.	Progression to a degree programme require at least a second-class (credit) division while progression to a diploma programme require at least a third class(pass)
Diploma	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education (UACE) with at least one Principal pass and one subsidiary pass or its equivalent.b. A Higher Education Certificate with at least a second-class lower division.c. Mature Age Entrance Examinations Certificate awarded to a person aged at least 22 years and has passed the mature age entrance examinations	<p>A holder of a Diploma or equivalent qualification qualifies for admission to a relevant Bachelors degree.</p> <p>Depending on the final grade and specific programme requirements, holders of diplomas or equivalent qualifications may be exempted from the first year of a relevant bachelors degree programme.</p> <p>Holders of diplomas or equivalent qualifications may also progress to</p>

	<p>with at least 50% marks. The mature age entry examinations centre must have been authorized by NCHE.</p> <p>d. Any post O-level certificate of at least two years duration recognized by NCHE in consultation with UNEB as equivalent to UACE. Higher Education Institutions should seek guidance from NCHE on whether such a certificate is of comparable standards to UACE with one principal pass and one subsidiary pass.</p>	advanced diplomas in those fields where such advanced diplomas exist.
Advanced Diploma	Relevant Ordinary Diploma or its equivalent recognized as such by NCHE.	A holder of an Advanced Diploma or equivalent qualification qualifies for admission to a relevant Bachelors degree. Depending on the final grade and specific programme requirements, holders of advanced diplomas or equivalent qualifications may be exempted from the first two years of a relevant bachelors degree programme.
Bachelors Degrees	<p>a. Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education (UACE) with at least two principal passes or its equivalent.</p> <p>b. A Higher Education Certificate of at least second class upper division.</p> <p>c. A relevant ordinary diploma or its equivalent recognized as such by NCHE. Holders of ordinary diplomas may be enrolled at the beginning of second year of a relevant degree programme provided that this option is provided for in the accredited</p>	A holder of a bachelors degree or equivalent qualification qualifies for admission to a relevant PGC, PGD or Masters degree programme by coursework and dissertation or coursework and project report.

	<p>programme.</p> <p>d. A relevant advanced diploma or its equivalent recognized as such by NCHE. Holders of advanced/higher diplomas may be enrolled at the beginning of third year of a relevant degree programme provided that this option is provided for in the accredited programme.</p> <p>e. Mature Age Entrance Examinations Certificate awarded to a person aged at least 22 years and has passed the mature age entrance examinations with at least 50% marks. The mature age entry examinations centre must have been authorized by NCHE.</p> <p>f. Any post O-level certificate recognized by NCHE in consultation with UNEB as equivalent to UACE (with two principal passes). Higher Education Institutions should seek guidance from UNEB on whether such a certificate is of comparable standards to UACE with two principal passes.</p>	
PGC, PGD and Masters Degrees	<p>a. The minimum entry requirements for admission to a Postgraduate Certificate Programme is a relevant bachelor's degree or its equivalent recognized as such by NCHE.</p> <p>b. The minimum entry requirements for admission to a Postgraduate Diploma Programme is a relevant bachelor's degree or its equivalent recognized as</p>	<p>A holder of a PGC can progress horizontally to either relevant PGD or relevant Masters degree programme by coursework and dissertation or coursework and project report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A holder of a PGD can progress horizontally to a relevant masters degree programme. • A holder of a Masters Degree or

	<p>such by NCHE.</p> <p>c. Minimum admission requirements to a Masters Degree Programme by coursework and dissertation is a relevant bachelors Degree or its equivalent from a higher education institution or professional body recognized by NCHE.</p> <p>d. Minimum admission requirements to a Professional Masters Degree Programme (Masters Degree Programme by coursework and report) is a relevant bachelors Degree or its equivalent from a higher education institution or professional body recognized by NCHE.</p> <p>e. The minimum admission requirements to a Masters Degree by research only, is a relevant bachelors Degree of at least a 2nd class division and a relevant Postgraduate Diploma or equivalent qualifications from higher education institutions or professional bodies recognized by the National Council for Higher Education. In addition, at the point of application the candidate shall have identified a research area and shall be required to present a concept paper on the intended research.</p>	<p>equivalent qualifications qualifies for admission to a relevant PhD programme. For admission to a PhD by publication requires evidence of research undertaking on top of a masters degree.</p>
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