

**Cambridge International General Certificate of Education (GCE)**

**Examinations in Nepal**

**Information for Candidates**

**What is A Level?**

“A Level” refers to “Advanced Level” General Certificate of Education (GCE). It is an internationally recognized achievement at secondary level. A Level examination are set by the University of Cambridge International Examinations (CIE).

**What are AS, A2 and A Levels?**

The subject content of A Level syllabuses has been subdivided into two parts:

* AS is expected to be covered in the first year. If a student takes just the AS exam and does not take the next part – which is allowed in some subjects - her standalone grade for AS will appear in small letter (a,b,c,d,e or u) under “Advanced Subsidiary”, and counts as “half’ course.
* A2 the second part of the syllabus, is expected to be completed in the second year. A student who completes A2 receives a full grade, in capital letter (A,B,C,D,E or U)
* A Levels is generally considered ‘completed’ in Nepali context when the student receives 3.5 credits, which means 3 A level grades, and 1 AS level grade. Examples: ABDc, BCDb etc. In Nepal, “General Papers (GP) is usually taken as AS course.

**Which Schools and Colleges teach A Level?**

The British Council has a list of institutions that provide preparation courses for the A Level. While students may register for the GCE exams on their own, we advise you take a preparation course that specifically follows a syllabus if you want to take GCE exams.

**Why take A Level?**

* International Recognition: Cambridge International AS and A level qualifications are taken by over 200000 learners in more than 160 countries.

College admission: They are typically for learners aged 16 to 19 years old looking to go to best universities and colleges around the world including Cambridge, Harvard, MIT and London School of Economics to name but a few. A Level is widely recognized in almost all countries including the UK, US, Australia, India, Nepal Canada and New Zealand. The following website has the details:[www.cie.org.uk/recognition](http://www.cie.org.uk/recognition).

* Lower University Cost: Good A Level results would allow you to transfer-college credit, lowering the length and cost of undergraduate study.
* Employability: A level results can give students access to a wide range of professional and vocational courses that can help build their skills for an exciting career.

**How is A Level Different?**

* Flexibility in subject choices: The wide variety of subjects available at Cambridge International AS and A level – 55 in total - means learners can choose subjects that suits their interests and aspirations.
* Exploratory learning: The syllabus is broad, which means one is encouraged to understand the basic concept and its application, as opposed to memorizing narrow topics. This helps develop deep understanding of the subject as well as independent learning and constructive thinking skills-abilities that universities value highly.

**When can I take A Levels?**

You can take an A level if you have completed your secondary education, such as SLC. Three Subjects at A levels and one General paper (English) at AS level is equivalent to the Intermediate level in Nepal.

**When does the exam take place?**

The GCE examinations are held twice a year. One in is held in May/June and another in October/November.

**When does the registration take place?**

Registration for May/June takes place in January/February and for October/November takes place in July/August.

**What is the evaluation system of A Level education?**

A Level are evaluated by written examinations using a variety of question types including essays, multiple choice etc. and in some subjects, oral or practical examinations for example, science practical exams in physics and chemistry.

**When do I get my results?**

The results are sent about 6-7 weeks after the exams in the form of Statement of Results. The certificates for successful candidates are normally sent in about 6 weeks from the issue of results.

**Percentage Uniform marks**

Percentage uniform marks correspond to the grades available (A\*, A, B, C etc.) and give students additional information about their performance. Percentage uniform mark range for each grade:

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| **Grade** | **% uniform mark range** |
| A\* | 90-100 |
| A | 80-89+ |
| B | 70-79 |
| C | 60-69 |
| D | 50-59 |
| E | 40-49 |

**Where can I study GCE in Nepal?**

Here is a list of GCE schools that provide tutions of A Level syllabus. Our website ([www.britishcouncil.org/nepal](http://www.britishcouncil.org/nepal)) has a list of GCE schools with

respective contact details. It would be best to prepare through one of these institutions. Each college varies in the number and type of subjects and duration of the A –level courses they offer.

* The percentage uniform mark shows students whether they are in the middle of a grade, or near either the top or the bottom.
* It does not affect the grade they receive, but gives them more information about it.
* It will appear on statement of result but not on certificate

**Can I convert my A Level grades into Percentage?**

Yes, A Level grades can be converted into percentage. Students need to submit verified copy of their certificates along with a request letter from their school to the British Council. It usually takes 14 working days.

**Can I get a Migration Certificate?**

Yes, students can get a migration certificate from British Council office. They need to submit verified copies of their certificate along with a No Objection Letter from their school. It usually takes 14 working days to make a migration certificate.

**Can I study in universities in Nepal after taking A Level?**

Yes, Students can study in any universities in Nepal after taking A Level. A Level qualification is well recognized by Tribhuwan University (TU), Kathmandu University (KU), Pokhara University (PU) and many more. Different universities have different entry requirements.

**Which countries can I apply to after taking A levels?**

Student can apply to any country and universities around the globe including UK, USA, India, Europe etc.

**What is the minimum credit required for admission in both national and international universities (specific countries)?**

It differs from university to university and from country to country. However, 3 A Levels and one GP are recommended to students.

**How does A Level help or hinder career in medicine/ engineering etc.?**

Student can take their career in medicine/ engineering after their A Level. They have to take Biology, Chemistry and Physics if they are planning their career in medicine career and they have to take Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics if they are planning their career in engineering.

**Can I transfer grades if I don’t complete my A levels?**

No, Students cannot transfer their grade if they do not complete A Level.

**Is A Level only for high performing students?**

No, A Levels can be done by average students but method of study should be different. Regular study is needed in A Level to get better result.

**Is A level only for very serious students ?**

**List of Institutions Providing Cambridge International AS and A Level Education in Nepal**

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| **S. No** | **CIE Centre No.** | **Name of Institution** | **Location** | **Current Status** |
| 1 | NP732 | Ace Institute of Management | Kathmandu | Active |
| 2 | NP719 | A.J. Wild Institute of Advanced Studies | Kathmandu | Active |
| 3 | NP 745 | Ambition Academy | Kathmandu | Inactive |
| 4 | NP751 | Butwal Public School | Butwal | Active |
| 5 | NP 747 | Bridgewater International Academy | Kathmandu | Inactive |
| 6 | NP723 | Campion Academy | Lalitpur | Active |
| 7 | NP749 | Capital College and Research Centre | Kathmandu | Inactive |
| 8 | NP727 | Chelsea International Academy | Kathmandu | Active |
| 9 | NP721 | Cosmos International College | Pokhara | Active |
| 10 | NP701 | Gandaki Higher Secondary Boarding School | Pokhara | Active |
| 11 | NP730 | GEMS Institute of Higher Education | Lalitpur | Active |
| 12 | NP742 | Global College International | Kathmandu | Active |
| 13 | NP 743 | Infinity International College | Kathmandu | Inactive |
| 14 | NP 009 | Islington College | Kathmandu | Active |
| 15 | NP707 | Kasthamandap A Level Academy | Kathmandu | Active |
| 16 | NP737 | Kathmandu University High School | Kavre, Dhulikhel | Active |
| 17 | NP718 | Kings College | Kathmandu | Inactive |
| 18 | NP722 | Kritika Education Health Foundation | Biratnagar | Inactive |
| 19 | NP705 | Little Angel’s School | Lalitpur | Active |
| 20 | NP716 | Lumbini International College | Lalitpur | Active |
| 21 | NP708 | Malpi Institute | Kathmandu | Active |
| 22 | NP741 | Modern Indian School | Kathmandu | Inactive |
| 23 | NP733 | National Campus | Lalitpur | Inactive |
| 24 | NP744 | New Summit college | Kathmandu` | Active |
| 25 | NP720 | Novel Academy | Pokhara | Active |
| 26 | NP717 | Orient College of Science and Management | Kathmandu | Active |
| 27 | NP774 | Pentagon International College | Kathmandu | Inactive |
| 28 | NP740 | Rupy’s International School | Kathmandu | Active |
| 29 | NP715 | Saipal Academy | Kathmandu | Active |
| 30 | NP752 | Siddhartha Shiksha Sadan | Chitwan | Active |
| 31 | NP746 | Southwestern State College | Kathmandu | Active |
| 32 | NP738 | St. Xavier’s College | Kathmandu | Active |
| 33 | NP731 | Trinity International College | Kathmandu | Active |
| 34 | NP711 | Xavier International College | Kathmandu | Active |
| 35 | NP702 | Kathmandu International Study Centre | Lalitpur | Inactive |
| 36 | NP739 | Budanilkantha School | Kathmandu | Active |
| 37 | NP704 | Rato Bangala School | Lalitpur | Active |
| 38 | NP005 | The British School | Lalitpur | Active |