

To enter a Spanish university, the same conditions are applicable to Sunny View School students applying to a Spanish university as to those students who have obtained their 'título de Bachiller' (Baccalaureate Diploma), as stated in article 37 of the Organic Law of Education. Entry to a Spanish university (public or private) through the British Baccalaureate "A-levels" is guaranteed as part of the agreement "Acceso UE y países con convenio bilateral", for European Union students and students from countries with a bilateral agreement with Spain.

The entry system to Spanish universities establishes an equivalency, determined by the Spanish Ministry of Education and Culture (MEC) between the grades in the Spanish system (numbers) and the A-level grades (letters). This is in line with the credentials issued by the Spanish Open University UNED, 'Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia', which is the national organisation in charge of managing university access for EU students and students from countries with a bilateral agreement with Spain. These credentials act as a 'passport' for the pre-inscription and subsequent application to the desired Spanish university. The steps to follow can be consulted here:

<https://accesoextranjeros.uned.es/pasos&idioma=en>

How to calculate the access grade to Spanish Universities through A-Levels?

First of all the student has to pass at least 5 GCSE subjects as a prerequisite. The GCSEs do not accumulate points; only the A-levels and AS-levels do. The minimum requirement is 3 A-levels and the maximum is 4. The grade achieved is converted into UCAS points (see table 1 below) which, in turn, is converted into a grade to access Spanish universities, based on a scale of 0 to 10 points (see table 2 below). These points are equivalent to the Spanish A-level system known as Bachillerato and is called the 'General Phase'.

UCAS points (Table 1)

A-level value:	AS level value:
A* - 56 points	A - 20 points
A - 48	B - 16
B - 40	C - 12
C - 32	D - 10
D - 24	E - 6
E - 16	

University entry grade conversion (Table 2)

The equivalency determined by the MEC, through the UNED between A-levels and the 0 to 10 scale, is as follows:

UCAS POINTS	0-10 SCALE GENERAL PHASE
48	5,00
56	5,23
64	5,45
72	5,68
80	5,91
88	6,14
96	6,36
104	6,59
112	6,82
120	7,04
128	7,27
136	7,50
144	7,73
152	7,95
160	8,18
168	8,41
176	8,63
184	8,86
192	9,09
200	9,32
208	9,54
216	9,77
224	10,00

Once the grades have been converted and if the grade is higher than a 5 students can apply to Spanish universities. In the case of private universities, students may contact them directly in order to find out specific entry requirements, but it is important to have the UNED conversion credential.

The convalidation process can be carried out by following the link below:

<https://accesoextranjeros.uned.es/home&idioma=en>

The documentation required can be found in the following link and should be handed in to any associated UNED centre. In Malaga, the address is: 4, Sherlock Holmes Street.

https://unedasiss.uned.es/paso_3&idioma=en

UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS FASE ADMISIÓN – Specific phase exams (Pruebas de competencias específicas, PCEs)

There is a second round of exams (fase específica) for those students who need to obtain between 10 and 14 points for the degree they would like to study. These are carried out annually at the end of May or beginning of June, and also in September in UNED centres. A student can take up to 4 exams in the specific phase, but only the two highest marks will be taken into account. The UNED offers the following subjects in the specific exam phase:

https://unedasiss.uned.es/oferta_asignaturas&idioma=en

Students must choose subjects which have a value of 0,2 points, which means if they achieve a grade 10, they will be awarded 2 points. Please follow the link below for the points validation tables, which are shown by autonomous community:

<https://yaq.es/reportajes/parametros-ponderacion-selectividad-asignaturas-fase-especifica>

More information can be found regarding enrolment for the specific exam phase in the following link:

<https://unedasiss.uned.es/convocatorias&idioma=en>

In some regions, certain A-levels are worth double the amount of points, in both the general and the specific phases. **This is not the case of Andalusia.** Public universities of the C. Madrid, Valencia, Navarra, La Mancha, Basque Country, Zaragoza and Oviedo do NOT require students to sit additional specific phase exams, since the following A-levels already count for this specific phase, as well as the general one:

Matemáticas II	Mathematics
Biología	Biology
Física	Physics
Geografía	Geography
Matemáticas Aplicadas a las Ciencias Sociales	Mathematics
Química	Chemistry
Economía de la Empresa	Business or Economics

As a reference, the cutoff scores (minimum points necessary) for university access in specific degree subjects from previous years can be accessed at the following link:

https://notasdecorte.es/buscador-de-notas-de-corte?title=&term_node_tid_depth=All