



CAREER AND HIGHER EDUCATION SECTION

LOWER SIX ADMISSIONS GUIDE 2017

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A LEVEL SUBJECT CHOICES

A LEVEL SUBJECT	O LEVEL/ IGCSE ENGLISH	O LEVEL/ IGCSE B. MELAYU	O LEVEL/ IGCSE MATHS	(OTHERS) SUBJECTS REQUIREMENTS
<i>Accounting</i>	C6 (O Level) C (IGCSE)			Principle of Accounting C6
<i>Art and Design</i>	C6 (O Level) C (IGCSE)		C6 (O Level)	O Level Art C6
<i>Bahasa Melayu</i>	C6 (O Level) C (IGCSE)	Without Sastera B3 With Sastera B4		
<i>Biology</i>	C6 (O Level)		C6 (O Level)	Biology C5 / Combined Science A
<i>Business</i>	C6 (O Level)		C6 (O Level)	To be combined with any one of an English Medium subject
<i>Chemistry</i>	C6 (O Level)		C6 (O Level)	Chemistry C6 No Combined or IGCSE Science
<i>Computer Science</i>	C6 (O Level) C (IGCSE)		C6 (O Level)	Had taken Computer Science / ICT / Computer Studies
<i>Design and Technology</i>	C6 (O Level) C (IGCSE)			Without D&T O Level; C6 in Physics and Maths needed
<i>Economics</i>	* * C6 (O Level)		* * C6 (O Level)	With Economics O Level C6 * * Without Economics
<i>English Literature</i>	B4 (O Level)			
<i>Food Studies</i>	C6 (O Level) C (IGCSE)			Food & Nutrition C / Chemistry C / Combined Science C
<i>Geography</i>	C6 (O Level) C (IGCSE)			Geography C6
<i>History</i>	C6 (O Level) C (IGCSE)			History B (only if lowest grade for English O Level D7)
<i>Information Technology</i>	C6 (O Level) C (IGCSE)		C6 (O Level)	Had taken Computer Science / ICT / Computer Studies

Mathematics			C6 (O Level) C (IGCSE - Extended)	
Physics	C6 (O Level) C (IGCSE)		C6 (O Level) C (IGCSE - Extended)	Physics O Level C6 /Comb. Science A Must do A Level Mathematics
Psychology	C5 (O Level) A/B (IGCSE - Extended)		C6 (O Level)	C6 Biology/Chem /Comb. Science With any essay based subject
Sociology	C5 (O Level) A/B (IGCSE - Extended)			Taken essay based subjects with B4
Syariah				IRK O Level C6
Travel and Tourism	C6 (O Level) C (IGCSE)			*Travel and Tourism (Year 11)
Usuluddin				IRK O Level C6

Note: These are the **minimum grades** for the subjects' entry requirement.
*indicates as advantages

What are your A Level subject choices?

SUBJECT 1

SUBJECT 2

SUBJECT 3

AS LEVEL SUBJECT CHOICES

You would also need to choose **ONE** AS Level (English) subject to supplement your A Levels.

Why is an AS Level subject important?

To improve your essay writing skills

To enhance your presentation skills

To kick start your research skills

To develop data analysis skills

PREREQUISITES FOR AS LEVEL SUBJECTS

<i>General Paper (GP)</i>	At least a C6 in O Level English / C in IGCSE English
<i>English Literature (ASL)</i>	At least a B4 in O Level English

What is your AS Level subject choice?

SUBJECT	
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If you do not have a credit in O Level/IGCSE English, please see the O Level/IGCSE English subject consultant(s) at the English Department booth.

THINGS TO CONSIDER

Applicants are advised to speak to subject consultants regarding prerequisites as well as information on individual subject (Syllabus content, exam format, coursework etc.)

Below are some key questions you should discuss with the subject consultants:

What is an AS and A2 Level of an A Level course?

How will learning be assessed in each subject?

Do you have coursework/practicals?

How many hours do you need to commit for the subject?

How does the block system work?

How many reference books will students get for the subject?

Will notes be provided in class?

Will there be any room for project work in A Level?

What is the average class size for that subject?

Use the space below to write down your own questions or to take notes.

CAREER PATHS BASED ON YOUR CHOSEN SUBJECT COMBINATION

What are your A Level subject choices?

SUBJECT 1	
SUBJECT 2	
SUBJECT 3	

Check which group your subject combination falls under.

GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C
Information Technology	Accounting	Bahasa Melayu
Biology	Business	English Literature
Chemistry	Economics	Syariah
Computer Science	Geography	Usuluddin
Design & Technology	History	
Food Studies	Psychology	
Mathematics	Sociology	
Physics	Travel & Tourism	

Any three subjects from Group A can lead to a career in

Any two subjects from Group B can lead to a career in

Any two subjects from Group C can lead to a career in

<i>Engineering Industries Medicine Science & Technology</i>	<i>Banking & Finance Law Management Politics Social Worker</i>	<i>Education Journalism Law Management</i>
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It is advisable to combine two subjects from Group B with one subject from Group A

If possible, combine Group C subjects with Group A and/or Group B subjects

What are the possible career paths for your subject combination? (Refer to the bulls-eye career paths chart on the noticeboards)

CAREER 1	
CAREER 2	
CAREER 3	

SUBJECT COMBINATION BASED ON YOUR CHOSEN CAREER PATH

POLITICS
TECHNOLOGY
 FINANCE COMMUNICATION
ART BUSINESS
ARCHITECTURE
 ENGINEERING
LAW MEDIA
MEDICINE

STEP ONE

Which of the following study fields are you interested in?

STEP TWO

Select three subjects in the field that you selected in **STEP ONE**

* ARCHITECTURE	ART & CREATIVE TECHNOLOGY/ COMM AND MEDIA	BUSINESS AND FINANCE	ENGINEERING	LAW AND POLITICS* *	MEDICINE
<i>Art & Design Design & Technology English Literature Geography History Mathematics Physics Psychology Sociology</i>	<i>Information Technology Art & Design Computer Science Design & Technology English Literature Mathematics Physics Psychology Sociology Travel & Tourism</i>	<i>Accounting Business Economics English Literature Mathematics Psychology Sociology Syariah</i>	<i>Art & Design Chemistry Computer Science Design & Technology Mathematics Physics</i>	<i>Biology Business Economics English Literature Geography History Psychology Sociology Travel & Tourism</i>	<i>Biology Chemistry Mathematics Physics</i>

* The best combination for architecture: Mathematics + Science + Humanities

* *Syariah lawyers do not require A Level Syariah (Once you are an enrolled solicitor, you will sit for the Syar'ie Lawyer Certificate examination)

* * A Level History is not a prerequisite for a law degree

What are your A Level subject choices?

SUBJECT 1	
SUBJECT 2	
SUBJECT 3	

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Choosing the right A Levels can be a huge dilemma for many students, particularly for those who are not sure what they want to do at university and beyond.

However, the decisions you make now will set you on a course that can be difficult to change, so it is important to make the right subject choices at this early stage.

Take time to speak to the Career and Higher Education advisers as well as the subject consultants. Seek advice from family, friends and your former teachers too.

THE FUTURE

A bright future is critically looking at where you see yourself in ten years' time



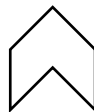
ENVISIONED CAREER

Visualize what career suits your personality best



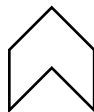
TARGETED DEGREE

Think about the academic qualifications needed to qualify you for the career that you envisioned



SUBJECT COMBINATION

A strong academic foundation from A Level will increase your chances of pursuing the degree of your choice



YOU

The power to change your future is in your hands

NOT SURE?

Group A

- Information Technology
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Design & Technology
- Food Studies
- Mathematics
- Physics

Group B

- Accounting
- Business
- Economics
- Geography
- History
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Travel & Tourism

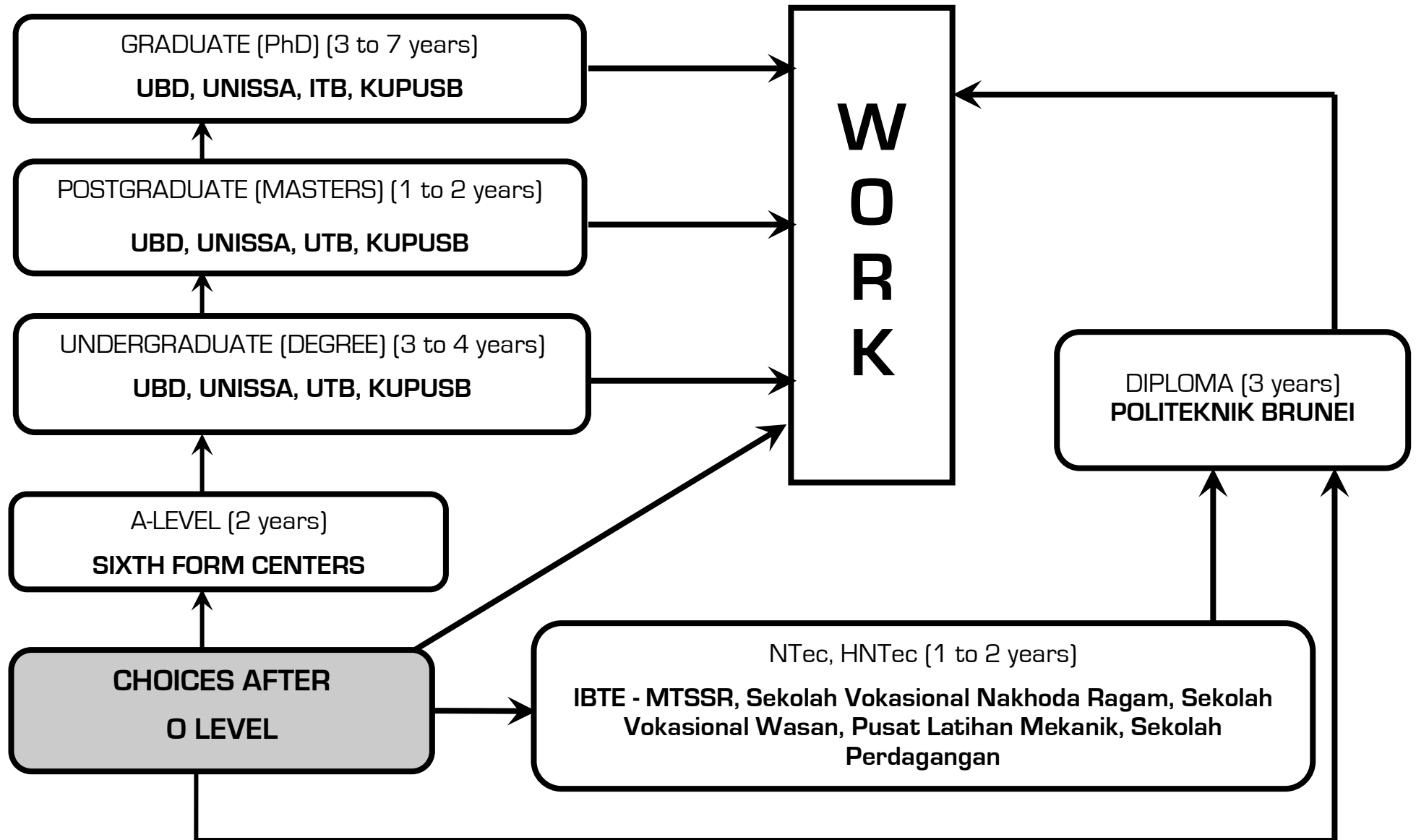
Group C

- Bahasa Melayu
- English Literature
- Syariah
- Usuluddin

*Choose one subject from each group

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES TO FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION

This flowchart is based on the Brunei government's further and higher education institutions.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1 Q: **Which A-level subjects are the easiest?**
A: None. All the subjects will require students to work hard and smart during the two year period.
- 2 Q: **Can I take a fourth A Level subject?**
A: If you scored five distinctions for your O Levels and are able keep up with the workload, then yes, you could.
- 3 Q: **Can passing A Levels guarantee a place at university?**
A: No. Sciences for example, are highly competitive. Students are expected to get a minimum of CCC in order to be eligible for a place.
- 4 Q: **Which subjects should I take up at A Level in order to get a scholarship abroad?**
A: Opportunity to study abroad is dependent upon your academic performance in O Level, and A Level as well as the need of the country.
- 5 Q: **Where can I work after getting the degree in the recommended field?**
A: The PTE Sengkurong Career and Higher Education Section are only providing information for further and higher education. We do not guarantee employment as this is dependent upon your academic performance at further or higher education.
- 6 Q: **Can I retake my O Level/IGCSE examinations (Other than O Level/IGCSE English) while studying in PTE Sengkurong?**
A: This is not recommended as you will not have time to revise for your O Level/IGCSE subjects. Even with tuition classes, you would need to keep up with the A Level workload. If you have the intention to re-sit your O Level examination (Other than O Level/IGCSE English) it is advisable for you to join sixth form the following year. Otherwise, go to page 7 for alternative routes to further/higher education.

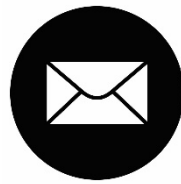
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 7 Q: **Why should I consider alternative routes to further/higher education?**
- A: Alternative routes incorporate work experience and if you wish to join the workforce there is a salary scale for NTec, HNTec and Diploma holders. Meanwhile, an A-level graduate will be paid based on an O Level graduate salary scale.
- 8 Q: **Why did the subject consultant refuse to sign my form when I am interested in the subject?**
- A: Go to page 1 for further details.

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