

# Basic Entry Requirements for Admission into the University of Cape Coast

A. The minimum admission requirement into the University of Cape Coast for WASSCE applicants is aggregate 36. For SSSCE applicants, the minimum requirement is aggregate 24.

Candidates must have credit passes in six (6) subjects with an overall aggregate of 36/24 at the WASSCE/SSSCE respectively.

Three of the six subjects must be core subjects: **English Language, Mathematics, Integrated Science or Social Studies** and three must be in relevant electives.

For purposes of admission, a credit pass in : i. WASSCE means A1 – C6 ii. SSSCE means A – D

B. GCE A Level Candidates must have passes in three (3) subjects (at least, one of the passes should be D or better). Also the applicants must have had credit passes (Grade 6) in five GCE Ordinary Level subjects including English Language, Mathematics and a Science subject (for non-science students) and an Arts subject (for science students)

c. Applicants with the General Business Certificate Examination (GBCE) results should have credit passes (A-D) in six (6) subjects comprising three (3) core subjects including English Language, Integrated Science or Social Studies and Mathematics plus three (3) relevant elective subjects.

d. Holders of the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE)/ International Baccalaureate (IB) must possess at least Grades A\*/A-C in English, Mathematics and Biology at the Standard (SL)/'O' Level, in addition to three Higher Level (HL – A to C)/'A' Level (A to D)/IB 2 (A to C) grades in the relevant subjects.

## FACULTY OF ARTS

### B.A. (ARTS)

i. Applicants must have passes in at least two (2) elective Arts subjects: French, Literature in English, Ghanaian Language (Akan/Ewe/Dagare/Ga), Music, Religious Studies, Government/History.

### B.A. (AFRICAN STUDIES)

i. Applicants to be admitted to B.A. (African Studies) programme must have passes in at least two (2) of the following elective subjects French, History, Literature in English, Ghanaian Language (Akan/Ewe/Dagare/Ga), Religious Studies, Government, Economics, Geography.

i Associated Board of the ROYAL SCHOOL OF MUSIC (ABRSM) grade 1-4 OR iv A flair for Music and the ability to read and notate simple melodies and rhythmic patterns to be assessed by pre-admission test.

### B.A. (THEATRE STUDIES)

i. Applicants must have passes in at least two of the following subjects: Literature in English, Ghanaian Language (Akan/Ewe/Dagare/Ga), Music, Religious Studies, History/Government. ii. Applicants who intend to read B.A. (Theatre Studies) as their major subject must have a good pass in Literature in English.

## BACHELOR OF MUSIC

i. Applicants must have good passes in three (3) elective subjects in any of the following elective areas: General Arts and Visual Arts.

ii. Associated Board of the ROYAL SCHOOL OF MUSIC (ABRSM) grade 1-4 OR iv A flair for Music and the ability to read and notate simple melodies and rhythmic patterns to be assessed by pre-admission test.

iii. Prospective Applicants will be interviewed. During the interview, applicants will have to provide evidence of their involvement/interest in music and dance- e.g. through membership in choirs, bands, cultural/dance troupes, etc. and generally convince panelists of their creative/artistic capabilities.

Applicants who wish to study Music but have not passed music at WASSCE Level will write an Entrance Examination provided they satisfy the basic University Entry Requirements. The Entrance Examination date will be the same for the Mature Students Examination.

### **B.A. (COMMUNICATION STUDIES)**

i Applicants must have passes in at least two (2) elective Arts subjects; French, Ghanaian Language (Akan/Ewe/Dagare/Ga), Literature in English, Religious Studies, Government/History.

ii Applicants to be admitted to read B.A. (Communication Studies) must have a pass in Literature in English or any Language not below grade C5.

### **B.A. (FILM STUDIES)**

Applicants must have passes in any of the following elective subjects; Visual Arts, Literature in English, History, French, Government, Religious Studies, Ghanaian Language (Akan/Ewe/Dagare/Ga), Economics, Geography, Physics and Chemistry.

### **B.A. (DANCE)**

Applicants must have passes in three elective subjects in either General Arts or Visual Arts.

### **B.A. (LINGUISTICS)**

Applicants must have passes in at least two (2) elective Arts subjects: French, Literature in English, Ghanaian Language (Akan/Ewe/Dagare/Ga), Music, Religious Studies, Government/History.

### **B.A.(CHINESE)**

Applicants must have passes in any of the following elective subjects; Visual Arts, Literature in English, History, French, Government, Religious Studies, Ghanaian Language (Akan/Ewe/Dagare/Ga), Economics, Geography, Physics and Chemistry.

## **COLLEGE OF EDUCATION STUDIES**

### **B.ED. (BASIC EDUCATION - PRIMARY)**

### **B.ED. (BASIC EDUCATION - JHS)**

Applicants must have passes in three (3) elective subjects selected from category a, b, or c.

(a) Literature in English, Ghanaian Language (Akan/ Ewe/ Dagare/Ga), Religious Studies, History, French

(b) Elective Mathematics, Geography, Economics

(c) Elective Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology

### **B.ED. (EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION)**

Applicants must have passes in the following core subjects: Core Mathematics, Core English and Integrated Science or Social Studies

In addition, Applicants must have passes in any three (3) elective subjects.

### **B.SC. (PSYCHOLOGY)**

Applicants must have good passes in three (3) elective subjects in any of the following elective areas: Science, Business or General Arts.

### **B.ED. (PHYSICAL EDUCATION)**

Applicants would be subjected to the following practical examinations and assessments.

i. Motor Educability Test ii. Cardiovascular Endurance Test iii. A

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N.B.: Selection of Applicants for admission will depend largely on a candidate's performance in the practical examinations.

The date for the practical examinations for B.Ed. (PHYSICAL EDUCATION) applicants would be announced later.

### **B.ED. (MANAGEMENT)**

Applicants must have good passes in three (3) elective subjects under Accounting/Secretarial options namely; Accounting, Business Management, Economics, Clerical Office Duties, Typing and Principles of Costing.

A good pass in Literature in English will be an advantage.

### **B.ED. (SOCIAL SCIENCES)**

The elective passes should include any three (3) of the following subjects: Economics, Geography, History, Accounting, Business Management, Elective Mathematics, Principles of Costing.

The following are the various combinations:

- Accounting/Management
- Accounting/Economics
- Economics/Management
- Economics/Geography

### **B.ED. (SOCIAL STUDIES)**

Applicants must have passes in Geography and any two (2) of the following elective subjects: Economics, History/Government.

### **B.ED. (ARTS)**

The elective passes should include any three (3) of the following subjects: Literature in English, French, Ghanaian Language (Akan/Ewe/Dagare/ Ga), History, Religious Studies and Music.

The following are the various combinations

- English/French
- English/Ghanaian Language
- English/Religious Studies
- English/Music
- English/History
- French/Ghanaian Language
- French/Religious Studies
- French/Music
- French/History
- Ghanaian Language/Religious Studies
- Ghanaian Language/Music
- Ghanaian Language/History
- History/Religious Studies
- History/Music
- Music/Religious Studies
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### **B.ED. (ACCOUNTING)**

Applicants must have passes in Financial Accounting and any two (2) of the following subjects: Business Management, Economics, Principles of Costing and Elective Mathematics.

### **B.ED. (MATHEMATICS)**

Applicants must pass Elective Mathematics plus any two (2) of the following elective subjects: Economics, Geography, Physics and Chemistry.

### **B.ED. (COMPUTER SCIENCE)**

Applicants must have passes any three (3) of the following elective subjects: Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Biology.

### B.ED. (SCIENCE)

Applicants must have passes any three (3) of the following elective subjects:  
Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Biology.

### B.ED. (HOME ECONOMICS)

Applicants must have the following:

a) Passes in Management in Living and any two (2) other elective subjects relevant to the preferred option.

For Clothing and Textiles Option, the appropriate electives are: Clothing and Textiles (compulsory), Art, Chemistry, Physics, Biology and Economics.

For Foods and Nutrition Option, the appropriate electives are: Foods and Nutrition (compulsory), Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Economics, French and Art

### B.ED. (COMMUNICATION DESIGN)

i. Applicants must have passes in three core subjects including English and Mathematics and three passes in the following electives: General Knowledge in Art and Graphic Design plus one of the following; Picture Making, Textile Design, Sculpture, Ceramic, Leatherwork, Jewellery and Basketry.

ii. NABTEX Certificate II holders with at least credit passes in three core subjects including English Language and Mathematics plus Integrated Science, Social Studies or Technical Drawing and three elective subjects of the Creative Arts/Painting and Decorating, Printing and Photography programmes.

iii. HND Commercial Art or Industrial Art (Graphic Design or Communication Design related option) holder from accredited institution.

iv. Diploma holders in Graphic Design or Communication Design related programmes from accredited professional institution.

v. Diploma in Education holders from an accredited tertiary institution with Visual Art or Painting and Decorating background.

***Note: Applicants of categories iii to v will attend selection interview.***

### BACHELOR OF FINE ART Education (BFA ED.) Options in Sculpture and Painting

i. Applicants must have passes in Three core subjects including English and Mathematics and three passes in the following electives: General Knowledge plus Two of the following; Graphic

Design, Picture Making, Textile Design, Sculpture, Ceramic, Leatherwork, Jewellery and Basketry.

ii. NABTEX Certificate II holders with at least credit passes in three core subjects including English Language and Mathematics plus Integrated Science, Social Studies or Technical Drawing and three elective subjects of the Creative Arts/Painting and Decorating, Printing and Photography programmes.

iii. HND Commercial Art or Industrial Art (Graphic Design or Communication Design related option) holder from accredited institution.

iv. Diploma holders in Graphic Design or Communication Design related programmes from accredited professional institution.

v. Diploma in Education holders from an accredited tertiary institution with Visual Art or Painting and Decorating background.

***Note: Applicants of categories iii to v will attend selection interview.***

### **B.ED. (HEALTH SCIENCES)**

Applicants must possess a three (3) year Diploma awarded by an accredited Health Training Institution with at least three (3) years working experience (excluding “rotation” for nurses) in relevant areas such as General Nursing, Environmental Health, Disease Control, Community Health, Midwifery Nutrition or Psychiatry.

Applicants should include certified copies of their academic transcript showing semester-by-semester GPA and FCGPA.

### **FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**

#### **B.A. (SOCIAL SCIENCES)**

Applicants must have passes in three (3) elective subjects including two (2) of the following: Economics, Government/History, Geography, and Elective Mathematics.

#### **B.SC. (HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT)**

Applicants must have passes in any three (3) of the following elective subjects: Geography, Economics, Government/ History, Biology, Chemistry, Introduction to Business Management, Elective Mathematics, Management in Living and Food and Nutrition.



### **B.SC. (TOURISM MANAGEMENT)**

Applicants must have passes in any three (3) of the following elective subjects: Geography, Economics, Government/ History, Introduction to Business Management and Elective Mathematics.

### **B.A. (POPULATION AND HEALTH)**

Applicants must obtain passes in Core English, Core Mathematics and Integrated Science or Social Studies.

In addition, Applicants must have passes in any three (3) of the following elective subjects: Geography, Economics, Government/History, Introduction to Business Management and Elective Mathematics.

### **B.A. (ANTHROPOLOGY)**

Applicants must have passes in two (2) of the following elective subjects: Economics, Geography, Elective Mathematics, Government/History.

### **B.Sc. (GEOGRAPHY AND REGIONAL PLANNING)**

Applicants must have passes in three (3) of the following elective subjects: Geography, Economics, Elective Mathematics, Business Management and Government/History.

## **SCHOOL OF BUSINESS**

### **BACHELOR OF COMMERCE (ACCOUNTING)**

Applicants must have passes in three of the following subjects; Business Management, Financial Accounting, Cost Accounting, Economics and Commerce.

### **BACHELOR OF COMMERCE (FINANCE)**

Applicants must have passes in three of the following subjects: Business Management Economics and Commerce.

### **BACHELOR OF COMMERCE (MANAGEMENT)**

Applicants must have passes in three of the following subjects: Business Mathematics, Economics and Commerce.

### **BACHELOR OF COMMERCE (PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT)**

Applicants must have passes in three of the following subjects: Business Mathematics, Economics and Commerce.

## BACHELOR OF COMMERCE (MARKETING)

### BACHBACHELOR OF COMMERCE (Human Resource Management)

Applicants must have passes in three of the following subjects: Financial Accounting plus any two (2) of the following subjects: Business Management,

Principles of Costing, Economics and Elective Mathematics.

In addition, applicants with good grades in Arts and Home Economics can also be considered for admission.

## FACULTY OF LAW

### BACHELOR OF LAWS (LLB)

- i. Applicants must have passes in any three electives from all background
- ii. Applicants who satisfy the above requirements must have a total aggregate of 12 or better in six subjects (3 Core and 3 Electives) to qualify for short listing.
- iii. Applicants will be required to attend an interview.

## SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS

### B.Sc. (ECONOMICS)

### B.Sc. (ECONOMICS WITH FINANCE)

### B.Sc. (APPLIED ECONOMICS)

- i. Applicants must obtain passes in three electives subjects which must include, Economics, and any other two Business-related or Arts-related courses, in addition to three core subjects.
- ii. Candidates with General Certificate of Education (GCE) Advanced Level, passes in three (3) subjects (at least one of the passes should be grade D or better. One of the courses must include Economics, Mathematics or any other business course. Also, the candidate must have had credit passes (Grade 6) in five GCE Ordinary Level subjects including English Language, Mathematics and a Science subject (for non-science students) and an Arts subject (for Science students).
- iii. Other qualifications include **International Baccalaureate (IB), IGCSE, GCSE**, the **American Grades 12 and 13 examinations** and other external qualifications which have equivalences to the **SSSCE** and the **GCE**. Candidates with external qualifications will be admitted to either Level 100 or Level 200, depending on the nature of qualification and their equivalences to local qualifications.

## SCHOOL OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Entry Requirements leading to Bachelor of Science degrees in:

1. B.Sc. (ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES)
2. B.Sc. (MOLECULAR BIOLOGY AND BIOTECHNOLOGY)
3. B.Sc. (FISHERIES AND AQUATIC SCIENCE)
4. B.Sc. (ENTOMOLOGY AND WILDLIFE)
5. B.Sc. (FORENSIC SCIENCE)
6. B.Sc. (BIOCHEMISTRY)
7. B.Sc. (BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES)

Applicants must obtain

- a) passes in Core English, Core Mathematics and Integrated Science or Social Studies.
- b) passes in Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Elective Mathematics

NOTE: Students who choose B.Sc. (Biological Science) would be selected into the various programmes at the end of the second year except B.Sc. (Biochemistry).

## SCHOOL OF PHYSICAL SCIENCES

B.SC. (CHEMISTRY), B.SC. (WATER & SANITATION), B.SC. (INDUSTRIAL CHEMISTRY)

Applicants must obtain passes in Chemistry and any two of the following elective subjects: Physics, Elective Mathematics and Biology.

**B.SC. (MATHEMATICS), B.SC. (STATISTICS), B.SC. (MATHEMATICS & STATISTICS)**

Applicants must obtain passes in Elective Mathematics and any two of the following elective subjects: Physics, Chemistry, Economics and Biology/ Technical Drawing.

**B.SC. (MATHEMATICS WITH ECONOMICS), B.SC. (MATHEMATICS WITH BUSINESS)**

Applicants must obtain passes in Elective Mathematics, Economics and any one of the following elective subjects: Physics, Chemistry, Business Management, Principles of Costing and Accounting; or Geography

**B. SC. (ACTUARIAL SCIENCE)**

Applicants must obtain passes in Elective Mathematics and any two of the following elective subjects: Physics, Chemistry, Economics, Business Management, Principles of Costing and Accounting; and

### **B. SC. (PHYSICS) B. SC. (ENGINEERING PHYSICS)**

Applicants must obtain Physics, Chemistry and Elective Mathematics

### **B. SC. (METEOROLOGY AND ATMOSPHERIC PHYSICS)**

Applicants must obtain passes in Physics, Chemistry, Elective Mathematics and

### **B. SC. (COMPUTER SCIENCE)**

Applicants must obtain passes in Elective Mathematics, Physics and any one Elective subject.

### **B.SC. (INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY)**

Applicants must obtain passes in Elective Mathematics and any other two elective subjects.

### **B.SC. (LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY)**

Applicants must obtain passes in Chemistry, Physics and any one of the following elective subjects: Biology or Elective Mathematics.

## **SCHOOL OF ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES**

### **B.SC. (MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY)**

Applicants must obtain passes in Chemistry, Physics and any one of the following elective subjects: Biology or Elective Mathematics. Applicants will be required to pass a selection interview

### **DOCTOR OF OPTOMETRY**

Applicants must obtain passes in Chemistry, Physics and either Biology or Elective Mathematics.

In addition, candidates will be required to pass a selection interview.

### **B.SC. PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES**

WASSCE/SSSCE

Passes in three science subjects: Physics, Chemistry, Biology or Mathematics.

### **GCE APPLICANTS**

Applicants must have passes in either (i) Physics, Chemistry and Biology or Agricultural Science or (ii) General Science and any other subject. In addition, candidates should obtain three passes at the GCE advanced level or equivalent in Chemistry, Physics or Mathematics, and Biology or Agricultural Science.

### ADVANCED DIPLOMA/DIPLOMA APPLICANTS:

Diploma holders in Medical Assistantship with a minimum of B+ average/ second class upper and three-years working experience in addition to the basic qualification at SSSCE/OL may be admitted to the Third Year of the programme.

All diploma candidates would be admitted after an interview.

### SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE

B.SC. (AGRICULTURE)

B.SC. (AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT)

B.SC. (AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION)

B.SC. (ANIMAL PRODUCTION)

B.SC. (AGRIBUSINESS)\*

B.SC. (AGRO-PROCESSING) \*

Applicants must have passes in three (3) elective subjects under any of the options below:

**OPTION 1:** General Agriculture, Chemistry, and any one other Science/  
Agriculture subject

**OPTION 2:** Chemistry, Biology and Physics/Elective Mathematics.

**OPTION 3:** Any three subjects from the following Agricultural Science electives; General Agriculture, Crop Husbandry and Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries and Forestry

**\*OPTION 4:** Credit passes in courses in General Arts and Business can be admitted (for BSc. Agribusiness)

**\*OPTION 5:** Credit passes in courses in Home Economics or Vocational Studies can be admitted (for BSc. Agro-Processing)

### SCHOOL OF MEDICAL SCIENCES

Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MB, ChB)

i. Applicants must have obtained good passes in three of the following elective subjects: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Elective Mathematics.

ii. Applicants who satisfy the above requirements must have a total aggregate of 08 or better in six subjects (3 Core and 3 Electives) to qualify for short listing. iii. Applicants will be required to attend an interview.

#### GCE “A” LEVEL APPLICANTS

iii. Credit passes at GCE “O” Level in 6 subjects including English Language, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

ii. GCE “A” Level passes in three (3) of the following: Physics, Chemistry, Biology, and Mathematics, with aggregate 07 or better. None of the grades should be lower than C. iii. Selection will be subject to performance at interview.

A level holder who obtained their result before 1997 will not be considered for admission.

#### B.Sc. (CLINICAL NUTRITION AND DIETETICS)

i. Applicants must have passes Physics, Chemistry and Food and Nutrition, plus any of the following subjects: Biology, Elective Mathematics, Clothing and Textiles, Management in Living, Crop Husbandry and Horticulture, General Agriculture and Animal Science.

ii. Health professionals who do not meet the above requirements but have a minimum of five (5) years relevant experience may apply. Such applicants must pass a selection interview.

#### B.Sc. (DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY)

#### B.Sc. (DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING TECHNOLOGY)

i. Applicants must obtain passes in three science subjects: Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Elective Mathematics.

#### ii. GCE APPLICANTS

Applicants must have five (5) passes in the Ordinary Level Examination or equivalent including English Language, Mathematics and either Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Agriculture Science or General Science and any other subject. In addition, candidates should obtain passes at the GCE advanced level or equivalent in Chemistry, Physics or Mathematics, and Biology or Agriculture Science and General Paper.

III. International students may be admitted on the basis of qualification from their home country for which the National Accreditation Board Ghana shall determine its equivalent. Evidence of proficiency in English Language will be required in the case of applicants from Non-English-speaking countries.

#### B.Sc. (HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT)

Applicants must have passes in three elective subjects under the following; **option 1:** (Science) Biology, Physics, Chemistry and Elective Mathematics

**Option 2:** (Business) Economics, Accounting, Costing and Management

**Option 3:** (Arts) Geography, Economics and Elective Mathematics

Applicants with Diploma in Health Information Management from a reorganized institution would be admitted to Level 200.

### **B.Sc. (SPORTS AND EXERCISE SCIENCE)**

Applicants must obtain passes in any three of the following: Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Elective Mathematics

## **SCHOOL OF PHARMACY**

### **Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD)**

- i. Applicants must have obtained good passes in three of the following elective subjects: **Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Elective Mathematics.**
- ii. Applicants who satisfy the above requirements must have a total aggregate of 10 or better in six subjects (3 Core and 3 Electives) to qualify for short listing.
- iii. Applicants will be required to attend an interview.
- iii. Applicants who are applying into the School of Pharmacy should note that the programme is strictly FEE-PAYING.

### **GCE "A" LEVEL APPLICANTS**

- iv. Credit passes at GCE "O" Level in 6 subjects including English Language, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry and Physics.
- v. GCE "A" Level passes in three (3) of the following: Physics, Chemistry, Biology, and Mathematics, with aggregate 07 or better. None of the grades should be lower than C. iii. Selection will be subject to performance at interview.

A level holder who obtained their result before 1997 will not be considered for admission.

## **SCHOOL OF NURSING**

### **B.SC. NURSING**

#### **B.SC. (MENTAL HEALTH NURSING)**

#### **B.SC. (COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH NURSING)**

Applicants must obtain

- a) Passes in Core English, Core Mathematics and Integrated Science or Social Studies.
- B) Passes in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics