NAMIBIA UNIVERSITY
OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Minimum Admission Requirements



The Namibia University of Science and Technology's (NUST) revised undergraduate minimum admission requirements will take effect from the 2027 academic intake. The revision of the minimum admission requirements is necessitated by the University's commitment to implementing the Minimum Standards for Higher Education Institutions in Namibia and the new Namibia Higher Education Evaluation Point Scale.

For a student to articulate into a higher education programme, total admission points should be based on five (5) subjects only, including English.

The minimum admission requirements for NUST are based on the Namibian Senior Secondary Certificate Advanced Subsidiary (NSSCAS) Level, Namibian Senior Secondary Certificate Ordinary (NSSCO) Level, Namibian Senior Secondary Certificate Higher (NSSCH) L evel, or equivalent recognised qualifications.

Applicants must meet the minimum admission requirements prescribed for each qualification, which shall not be lower than the requirements specified below. These requirements are subject to any additional programme-specific admission criteria.

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UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

Professional Bachelor's Degree Programmes (NQF Level 8)

Subject to regulations and guidelines from the relevant professional body and NUST programme-specific admission requirements, the minimum requirement for entrance to a professional Bachelor's degree programme shall be **31** points in **five (5)** different subjects, including English, obtained by a combination of Higher Level (NSSCH) and Ordinary Level (NSSCO) or Advanced Subsidiary Level (NSSCAS) and Ordinary Level (NSSCO). English must be at a minimum of C symbol at NSSCO Level.

Professional (STEM) Bachelor's Degree (NQF Level 8):

A pass in five (5) different subjects obtained as follows:

- Two (2) subjects on Higher Level (NSSCH) with a **3** or higher in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry or Biology
- Two (2) subjects on Ordinary Level (NSSCO) with a **B** symbol or higher
- English must be at minimum **C** symbol at NSSCO Level

OR

A pass in five (5) different subjects obtained as follows:

- Two (2) subjects on Advanced Subsidiary (NSSCAS) with a **C** symbol or higher in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry or Biology
- Two (2) subjects on Ordinary Level (NSSCO) with an **A** symbol or higher
- English must be at minimum **C** symbol at NSSCO Level

Professional (non-STEM) Bachelor's Degree (NQF Level 8):

A pass in five (5) different subjects obtained as follows:

- Two (2) subjects on Higher Level (NSSCH) with a **3** or higher
- Two (2) subjects on Ordinary Level (NSSCO) with a **B** symbol or higher
- English must be at minimum **C** symbol at NSSCO Level

OR

A pass in five (5) different subjects obtained as follows:

- Two (2) subjects on Advanced Subsidiary (NSSCAS) with a **C** or higher
- Two (2) subjects on Ordinary Level (NSSCO) with a **B** symbol or higher
- English must be at minimum **C** symbol at NSSCO Level

Bachelor's Degree Programmes (NQF Level 7)

Subject to Faculty/School/Departmental/Relevant Professional Body Special Regulations and programme-specific admission requirements, the minimum requirement for entrance to undergraduate degree programmes shall be **26 points** using a combination of AS Level (NSSCAS) and Ordinary Level (NSSCO) subjects with English at a minimum of **D** symbol at NSSCO Level obtained as follows:

A pass in five (5) different subjects obtained as follows:

- Two (2) subjects on Advanced Subsidiary Level (NSSCAS) with a **D** symbol or higher
- Two (2) subjects on Ordinary Level (NSSCO) with a C symbol or higher
- English must be at minimum **D** symbol at NSSCO Level

OR

A pass in five (5) different subjects obtained as follows:

- Three (3) subjects on Advanced Subsidiary (NSSCAS) with a **D** symbol or higher
- Two (2) subjects on Ordinary Level (NSSCO) with a **D** symbol or higher including English

A pass in five (5) different subjects obtained as follows:

- Two (2) subjects on Higher Level (NSSCH) with a **4** or higher
- Two (2) subjects on Ordinary Level (NSSCO) with a **C** symbol or higher
- English must be at minimum **D** symbol at NSSCO Level

OR

A pass in five (5) different subjects obtained as follows:

- Three (3) subjects on higher level (NSSCH) with a **4** or higher
- Two (2) subjects on Ordinary Level (NSSCO) with a **D** symbol or higher including English

Diploma Programmes (NQF Level 6)	
Subject to Faculty/School/Departmental Special Regulations and programme-specific admission requirements, the minimum requirement for entrance to undergraduate Diploma programmes shall be **24 points** in **five (5)** different subjects, including English, all on Ordinary Level (NSSCO). English must be at a minimum of D symbol.	
A pass in five (5) different subjects obtained as follows: · All on Ordinary Level (NSSCO) with a minimum of **24 points** · English must be at minimum **D** symbol at NSSCO Level **OR** A pass in five (5) different subjects obtained as follows: · Any combination of ordinary (NSSCO) and higher (NSSCH) levels with a minimum of **24 points** · English must be at minimum **D** symbol at NSSCO Level	A pass in five (5) different subjects obtained as follows: · All on Ordinary Level (NSSCO) with a minimum of **24 points** · English must be at minimum **D** symbol at NSSCO Level **OR** A pass in five (5) different subjects obtained as follows: · Any combination of Ordinary (NSSCO) and Higher (NSSCH) levels with a minimum of **24 points** · English must be at minimum **D** symbol at NSSCO L evel
Certificate Programmes (NQF Level 5)	
Subject to Faculty/School/Departmental Special Regulations and programme-specific admission requirements, the minimum requirement for entrance to undergraduate Certificate programmes shall be **19 points** in **five (5)** different subjects, including English, all on Ordinary Level (NSSCO). English must be at a minimum of E symbol.	
A pass in five (5) different subjects obtained as follows: · All on Ordinary Level (NSSCO) with a minimum of **19** points · English must be at minimum **E** symbol at NSSCO Level **OR** A pass in five (5) different subjects obtained as follows: · Any combination of Ordinary (NSSCO) and Higher (NSSCH) levels with a minimum of **19** points · English must be at minimum **E** symbol at NSSCO Level	A pass in five (5) different subjects obtained as follows: · All on Ordinary Level (NSSCO) with a minimum of **19** points · English must be at minimum **E** symbol at NSSCO Level **OR** A pass in five (5) different subjects obtained as follows: · Any combination of Ordinary (NSSCO) and Higher (NSSCAS) levels with a minimum of **19** points · English must be at minimum **E** symbol at NSSCO Level

POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

Postgraduate Diploma (NQF Level 8) or a Bachelor Honours Degree (NQF Level 8)

A student who completed an undergraduate bachelor's degree at NQF Level 7 with an average of **60%** or higher may be considered for admission into a Postgraduate Diploma (NQF Level 8) or a Bachelor Honours degree (NQF Level 8).

Master's Degree (NQF Level 9)

A student who completed a postgraduate diploma (NQF Level 8), a Bachelor Honours degree (NQF Level 8) or a Professional Bachelor's degree (NQF Level 8) with an average of **60%** or higher may be considered for admission into a Master's degree (NQF Level 9).

Doctoral Degree (NQF Level 10)

A student who successfully completed a Master's degree (NQF Level 9) with an average of **60%** or higher may be considered for admission into a Doctoral degree (NQF Level 10).

ADMISSION BASED ON THE COMPLETION OF POST-SECONDARY SCHOOL QUALIFICATIONS INCLUDING TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (TVET) WHERE ARTICULATION IS POSSIBLE:

A student who successfully completed **NQF Level 3** qualification at a recognised institution may be considered for admission into an undergraduate certificate programme depending on specific programme admission requirements.

A student who successfully completed **NQF Level 4** qualification at a recognised institution may be considered for admission into an undergraduate diploma programme depending on specific programme admission requirements.

A student who successfully completed **NQF Level 5** qualification at a recognised institution, registered on the NQF, may be considered for admission into an undergraduate degree programme depending on specific programme admission requirements.

BRIDGING OR FOUNDATION PROGRAMMES

InSTEM Bridging Programme

Applicants seeking admission to the InSTEM Bridging Programme will be required to have a pass in five (5) different subjects with a combination of AS Level (NSSCAS) and Ordinary Level (NSSCO) with a minimum of 28 points, with a B symbol at NSSCO Level or higher in Mathematics, Chemistry and Physics. English must be at minimum D symbol at NSSCO Level.

Admission Through Alternative Pathways

Admission through alternative pathways shall not account for more than 10% of the total students admitted in the respective programme for that academic year.

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

No more than **30%** of the education obtained outside formal education can count towards a full qualification, provided:

- The knowledge obtained, competence and skills are at an equivalent level with the NQF qualification towards which the RPL should take place.
- There is a portfolio of evidence or assessment report.
- The non-formal training provider demonstrates evidence of robust quality assurance of its training/education provisions.

The certificate awarded is awarded/validated by a recognised education/training provider.

Admission Through Mature Age
Admission through Mature Age shall not account for more than **8%** of the total students admitted in the respective programme for that academic year. · Pass the mature age entrance tests with at least **60% for the English** proficiency test and **50% for the Mathematics** proficiency test. · Have at least a Junior Secondary Certificate or equivalent qualification. · Have reached the age of 23 years. · Have at least three years' work experience.
Credit Transfer
Ensure that a student who intends to transfer his/her credits for purposes of graduating in a receiving institution shall be required to earn at least 50% of the total credits during the programme in that institution. Transfer of credits shall be within a period not exceeding five (5) years from the time the credits were earned.



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