CHANGES TO UCAS TARIFF

UCAS is changing its tariff for courses starting in September 2017 onwards. This is so that more vocational qualifications and international qualifications can attract points, supporting wider participation.

What is the tariff?

The tariff is a simple way to represent your qualification grade, meaning that different types of qualifications can be counted towards your course entry requirements. For example, if you have taken A levels, AS levels and music examinations, these will all count towards your UCAS tariff if you are looking to do a music-related course.



What's changing?

For the most part, only the numbers are different. Here is an example of how the old and new tariffs compare:

QUALIFICATION & GRADE	OLD TARIFF	NEW TARIFF
A level grade A*	140	56
A level grade A	120	48
A level grade B	100	40
A level grade C	80	32
A level grade D	60	24
A level grade E	40	16

The numbers are lower, but you still have to achieve the same grade. All qualifications on tariff are affected.

The only key difference in the grade values themselves is in AS levels. Where an AS level used to count for 50% of an A level, they will now count for 40%.



Universities that use the tariff system will change their requirements to reflect this. To see how many tariff points you need to get onto your chosen course, all the information can be found in Heap 2017 and at Heap Online.

