

TMC Academy
Minimum Entry Requirements (MER)

PROPRIETARY AND PREPARATORY PROGRAMMES

CERTIFICATE IN ENGLISH

Age	At least 14 years old* during the year of the course (Students who are at least 11 years old can be accepted if they are progressing to the Preparatory Course for Admission to Government School.)						
Academic Qualification	Year 8 or equivalent qualification						
English Proficiency	Students will take Hawthorn Placement Test to determine the entry level if there is no formal proof of English proficiency level as listed below:						
	Hawthorn Level	Entry Requirement (any of the following)					Expected level upon completion (based on IELTS score)
		IELTS	TOEFL (Paper)	TOEFL (Computer)	TOEFL (Internet)	TOEIC	
	Beginner	< IELTS 3.0	<405	<100	<30	<325	3.0
	Elementary	IELTS 3.0	405	100	30	325	3.5
	Pre-Intermediate (previously, Intermediate 1)	IELTS 3.5 (no component < 3)	425	115	35	350	4.0
	Intermediate A (previously, Intermediate 2)	IELTS 4.0 (no component < 3.5)	440	130	40	400	4.5
	Intermediate B (previously, Advanced 1)	IELTS 4.5 (no component < 4)	480	160	50	450	5.0
	Upper Intermediate A (previously, Advanced 2)	IELTS 5.0 (no component < 4.5)	500	175	60	500	5.5
	Upper Intermediate B (previously, Academic English)	IELTS 5.5 (no component < 4.5)	525	195	70	750	6.0
	Advanced A (NEW)	IELTS 6.0 (no component < 5.0)	-	-	87 – 109	-	6.5
	Advanced B (NEW)	IELTS 6.5 (no component < 5.5)	-	-	110 – 120	-	7.0

* Students who are below 14 years old may be accepted on a case-by-case basis and be approved by any Hawthorn teacher.

Note: Skype interviews will be conducted in addition to the offshore placement test for international students who are enrolling directly to TMC proprietary courses.

PREPARATORY COURSE FOR INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE TESTING SYSTEM (IELTS)

Age	At least 14 years old
Academic Qualification	At least 6 years of formal education
English Proficiency	Pass Hawthorn Placement Test at Pre-Intermediate (or previously, Intermediate 1) level

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PREPARATORY COURSE FOR ADMISSION TO GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS (PRIMARY LEVELS)

	Primary 4 and Primary 4 intensive	Primary 5 and Primary 5 intensive
Age	At least 10 to 11+ years old as at 1 January of the year of admission to government schools	At least 10 to 12+ years old as at 1 January of the year of admission to government schools
Academic Qualification	Year 3 or equivalent qualifications	Year 4 or equivalent qualifications
English Proficiency	Must have one of the following: • A pass in Year 3 English or equivalent in home country • Pass TMC English Placement Test	Must have one of the following: • A pass in Year 4 English or equivalent in home country • Pass TMC English Placement Test

PREPARATORY COURSE FOR ADMISSION TO GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS (SECONDARY LEVELS)

	Secondary 1 and Secondary 1 intensive	Secondary 2 and Secondary 2 intensive	Secondary 3 and Secondary 3 intensive
Age	At least 12 to 14+ years old as at 1 January of the year of admission to government schools	At least 13 to 15+ years old as at 1 January of the year of admission to government schools	At least 14 to 16+ years old as at 1 January of the year of admission to government schools
Academic Qualification	Year 6 or equivalent qualifications	Year 7 or equivalent qualifications	Year 8 or equivalent qualifications
English Proficiency	Must have one of the following: • A pass in Year 6 English or equivalent in home country • Pass TMC English Placement Test	Must have one of the following: • A pass in Year 7 English or equivalent in home country • Pass TMC English Placement Test	Must have one of the following: • A pass in Year 8 English or equivalent in home country • Pass TMC English Placement Test

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PREPARATORY COURSE FOR SINGAPORE-CAMBRIDGE GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION (ORDINARY LEVEL) EXAMINATION

	ONE-YEAR	TWO-YEAR
Age	15 years old on 1 st January of the examination year	
Academic Qualification	- Year 9 or equivalent	- Year 8 or equivalent
English Proficiency	Must have one of the following: • Attend and pass Hawthorn Certificate in English up to Intermediate B level (or previously, Advanced 1 level) • IELTS Score of 5.0 or equivalent	Must have one of the following: • A pass in Year 8 English or equivalent in home country • Pass TMC English Placement test

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FOUNDATION DIPLOMA FOR TERTIARY STUDIES

	LOCAL QUALIFICATIONS	INTERNATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS
Age	16 years old	
Academic Qualification	Any of the following: - Obtained at least a C6 at GCE O level in any 1 subject - NITEC or Higher NITEC - Integrated Programme (1 pass at a level equivalent to Secondary 4) - TMC Certificate in Tertiary Foundation Programme	Completed Secondary education or Year 9
English Proficiency	Any of the following: - At least a C6 at GCE O level English - Completed TMC Certificate in Tertiary Foundation Programme - Completed a prior Diploma where medium of instruction is English - Pass an English online test and an interview with the Dean/HOD/designate	Any of the following or equivalent: - IELTS 5.5 or TOEFL (Paper) ≥ 525 or TOEFL (Computer) ≥ 195 or TOEFL (Internet) ≥ 70 or TOEIC ≥ 750 - Completed TMC Certificate in Tertiary Foundation Programme - Completed a prior Diploma where the medium of instruction is English - Attend and pass Certificate in English up to Upper Intermediate A level (or previously, Advanced 2 level)
Mature Candidates	≥30 years old with 8 years of work experience	

DIPLOMA IN HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT

	LOCAL QUALIFICATIONS	INTERNATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS
Age	17 years old*	
Academic Qualification	Any of the following or equivalent: - Obtained at least a C6 at GCE O level in any 1 subject - NITEC or Higher NITEC - Integrated Programme (1 pass at a level equivalent to Secondary 4) - TMC Certificate in Tertiary Foundation Programme	Completed Secondary education or Year 9
English Proficiency	Any of the following or equivalent: - At least a C6 at GCE O level English - Completed TMC Certificate in Tertiary Foundation Programme - Completed a prior Diploma where medium of instruction is English - Pass an English online test and an interview with the Dean/HOD/designate	Any of the following or equivalent: - IELTS 5.5 or TOEFL (Paper) ≥ 525 or TOEFL (Computer) ≥ 195 or TOEFL (Internet) ≥ 70 or TOEIC ≥ 750 - Completed TMC Certificate in Tertiary Foundation Programme - Completed a prior Diploma where the medium of instruction is English - Attend and pass Certificate in English up to Upper Intermediate A level (or previously, Advanced 2 level)
Mature Candidates	≥30 years old with 8 years of work experience	

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PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMA IN ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE
HIGHER DIPLOMA IN BUSINESS (all specialisations)
HIGHER DIPLOMA IN BUSINESS STUDIES (all specialisations)
HIGHER DIPLOMA IN INFOCOMM TECHNOLOGY
HIGHER DIPLOMA IN BUSINESS INFOCOMM TECHNOLOGY

HIGHER DIPLOMA IN MASS COMMUNICATION
HIGHER DIPLOMA IN HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT
HIGHER DIPLOMA IN TOURISM, HOSPITALITY AND LEISURE MANAGEMENT
HIGHER DIPLOMA IN PSYCHOLOGY WITH COUNSELLING

	LOCAL QUALIFICATIONS	INTERNATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS
Age	17 years old*	
Academic Qualification	Any of the following or equivalent: - Obtained at least an E at GCE A level in any 2 subjects - TMC Diploma/Foundation Diploma - International Baccalaureate Diploma (at least 24 points) - NUS High School Diploma - Polytechnic Diploma - Diploma (in Accounting/Business/Management/IT/Computing/Hospitality/Psychology) from Private Education Institutions (assessed on a case by case basis)	Completed High School or Year 12
English Proficiency	Any of the following or equivalent: - At least a C6 at GCE O level English - Completed a Diploma or equivalent where medium of instruction is English - Pass an English online test and an interview with the Dean/HOD/designate	Any of the following or equivalent: - IELTS 6.0 or TOEFL (Paper) ≥ 547 or TOEFL (Computer) ≥ 210 or TOEFL (Internet) ≥ 78 or TOEIC ≥ 780 - Other qualifications equivalent to High School or Year 12 where the medium of instruction is English - Attend and pass Certificate in English up to Upper Intermediate B level (or previously, Academic English level)
Mature Candidates	≥30 years old with 8 years of work experience	N.A.

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GRADUATE DIPLOMA OF PSYCHOLOGY

	LOCAL QUALIFICATIONS	INTERNATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS
Age	17 years old (based on date of birth) at point of start class	
Academic Qualification	- A Bachelor's degree in any discipline	- A Bachelor's degree in any discipline
English Proficiency	Any of the following: - GCE 'O' English: C6 - Completed a Bachelor's degree or equivalent where medium of instruction is English	- Bachelor's degree taught in English - IELTS 6.5 with individual band scores at 6.5 for Reading, 6.5 for Listening, 6.0 for Writing and 6.0 for Speaking - TOEFL (Paper) ≥ 580 with a Test of Written English (TWE) score of at least 59 - TOEFL (Computer) ≥ 237 with at least 25 in the Writing section - TOEFL (Internet) ≥ 90 with at least 22 in the Writing section and no less than 20 in any other section - TOEIC ≥ 750 - Victorian Certificate of Education (Australia): Units 3 and 4 a study score of at least 30 in English (ESL) or 25 in any other English - International Baccalaureate: A score of at least 4 in English SL or 3 in English HL - Pass Hawthorn Placement Test at Academic English level
	Not meeting English Proficiency: - Pass an English online test and an interview with the Dean/HOD/designate	Not meeting English Proficiency: - Attend and pass Hawthorn Certificate in English up to Upper Intermediate B level (or previously, Academic English level)
Additional admission requirement	Students are expected to be able to use software application such as Microsoft Word and Excel and the Internet, specifically the search engines.	

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN MANAGEMENT STUDIES AND LEADERSHIP

	LOCAL OR INTERNATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS
Age	At least 21 years old
Academic Qualification	- A Bachelor's degree in any field, or equivalent
English Proficiency	Any of the following: - Completed a Bachelor's degree where medium of instruction is in English Language - IELTS 6.5

POST-GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN ACCOUNTING

POST-GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN FINANCE

	QUALIFICATIONS
Age	21 years old
Academic Qualification	A Bachelor's degree in any discipline
English Proficiency	Any one of the following: - Completed prior education (at least 2 years) with English as the language of instruction and assessment. - TOEFL (paper) ≥ 550 or TOEFL (computer) ≥ 230 or TOEFL (Internet) 79-80 or IELTS ≥ 6.0

PREPARATORY COURSE FOR ASSOCIATE FINANCIAL PLANNER (AFPCM) EXAMINATION

PREPARATORY COURSE FOR ASSOCIATE WEALTH PLANNER (AWPCM) EXAMINATION

PREPARATORY COURSE FOR CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER (CFP®) EXAMINATION

Full-time and Part-time modes

Individual module:

PREPARATORY COURSE FOR FOUNDATIONS IN FINANCIAL PLANNING

PREPARATORY COURSE FOR RISK MANAGEMENT AND INSURANCE PLANNING

PREPARATORY COURSE FOR TAX PLANNING AND ESTATE PLANNING

PREPARATORY COURSE FOR INVESTMENT PLANNING

PREPARATORY COURSE FOR RETIREMENT PLANNING

PREPARATORY COURSE FOR FINANCIAL PLAN CONSTRUCTION AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Part-time mode OR Self-Study

	LOCAL QUALIFICATIONS	INTERNATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS
Age	18 years old	18 years old
Academic Qualification	Any of the following: - a full GCE 'A' Level certificate (i.e. 2 'A's and 2 'O's) - minimum 3 years of working experience in any profession	Year 12 or equivalent qualification
English Qualification	Qualification taught and examined in English	IELTS 5.5 if the qualification is not examined in English

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EXTERNAL DEGREE AND MASTER PROGRAMMES
UNIVERSITY OF NORTHAMPTON

Programmes	Entry Requirement
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Business and Management (Top Up) Bachelor of Science (Honours) International Accounting (Top Up) Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Marketing Management (Top Up)	<u>Age requirement:</u> 17 years old <u>Academic qualification:</u> Obtained at least a Pass in any one of the following: - TMC Higher Diploma in Business - TMC Higher Diploma in Business (Marketing specialisation) - TMC Higher Diploma in Business (Human Resources Management specialisation) - TMC Higher Diploma in Business (International Business specialisation) - TMC Higher Diploma in Business (Accounting specialisation) - TMC Higher Diploma in Business (Logistics specialisation) - TMC Higher Diploma in Business Studies - TMC Higher Diploma in Business Studies with Marketing - TMC Higher Diploma in Business Studies with Human Resource Management - TMC Higher Diploma in Business Studies with International Business - TMC Higher Diploma in Business Studies with Accounting - TMC Higher Diploma in Business Studies with Logistics - SQA HND Business - Relevant Polytechnic Diploma* - Advanced/Higher Diploma (in Business/Management/Accounting/Marketing) from Private Education Institutions* <u>English requirement:</u> If English is not your first language, you will be required to have any of the following or equivalent: - Completed a Higher/Advanced Diploma where medium of instruction is English - IELTS 6.0 or equivalent
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) International Tourism Management (Top Up) Bachelor of Arts (Honours) International Hospitality Management (Top Up)	<u>Age requirement:</u> 17 years old <u>Academic qualification:</u> Obtained at least a Pass in any one of the following: - TMC Higher Diploma in Hospitality and Tourism Management - TMC Higher Diploma in Tourism, Hospitality and Leisure Management - Relevant Polytechnic Diploma* - Advanced/Higher Diploma (in Hospitality/Tourism) from Private Education Institutions* <u>English requirement:</u> If English is not your first language, you will be required to have any of the following or equivalent:

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	- Completed a Higher/Advanced Diploma where medium of instruction is English - IELTS 6.0 or equivalent
Bachelor of Science (Honours) Psychology (final year) Bachelor of Science (Honours) Psychology and Counselling (final year)	<u>Age requirement:</u> 17 years old <u>Academic qualification:</u> Obtained at least a Pass in any one of the following: - TMC Higher Diploma in Psychology with Counselling - TMC Graduate Diploma of Psychology - Relevant Polytechnic Diploma* - Advanced/Higher Diploma (in Psychology/Counselling) from Private Education Institutions* <u>English requirement:</u> If English is not your first language, you will be required to have any of the following or equivalent: - Completed a Higher/Advanced Diploma where medium of instruction is English - IELTS 6.0 or equivalent

* Assess on a case by case basis. Relevant Polytechnic Diploma and other Higher/Advanced Diploma holders may have to obtain a TMC Higher Diploma prior to the Top Up degree.

UNIVERSITY OF GREENWICH

Programmes	Entry Requirement
Bachelor of Science (Honours) Computing (Top Up)	<u>Age requirement:</u> 18 years old <u>Academic qualification:</u> Obtained at least a Pass in any one of the following: - TMC Higher Diploma in Information Technology - TMC Higher Diploma in Infocomm Technology - NCC International Advanced Diploma in Computer Studies - BTEC Higher Diploma* - Relevant Polytechnic Diplomas* - Other Qualifications equivalent to a UK Higher National Diploma* - Advanced/Higher Diploma (in IT/Computing/Computer Science) from Private Education Institutions* <u>English requirement:</u> Any of the following or equivalent: - Completed a Higher/Advanced Diploma where medium of instruction is English - IELTS 6.0 or equivalent

* Assess on a case by case basis and subject to university's approval