



JOINT BOARD OF MODERATORS

ANNEX A – ACHIEVEMENT LEVELS FOR ENTRY ONTO DEGREE PROGRAMMES

1. Introduction

The following levels of achievement for entry onto degree programmes have, over a long period, been found to be consistent with the attainment of appropriate standards at graduation. Whilst not mandatory requirements, the JBM will expect to see sound evidence as to what special measures have been taken should there be any significant deviations from these standards.

2. Achievement Level for Entry onto Accredited MEng/BEng (Hons) Degree Programmes

The UCAS tariff point expectations outlined below are to be calculated on the basis of achievements in three A-levels (or equivalent), where an aggregate of 360 UCAS tariff points is the maximum attainable.

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| 2.1 | MEng | The expectation is a minimum of 300 UCAS tariff points. |
| | BEng (Hons) | The expectation is a minimum of 225 UCAS tariff points. |
| | MEng/BEng (Hons) | For programmes which have an initial joint-intake policy, the minimum entry requirement may be set at the BEng (Hons) threshold (225 UCAS tariff points), but a substantial majority of students eventually going on to the MEng programme should satisfy the expected minimum MEng entry threshold (300 UCAS tariff points). If this suggested minimum threshold level is not achieved on particular programmes, then the JBM will wish to be assured that special measures have been put in place to ensure that MEng learning outcomes can be safeguarded for such cohorts. |
| 2.2 | Mathematics A-level or its equivalent is normally a requirement for entry onto an MEng/BEng (Hons) programme. Where students do not have A-level mathematics, the JBM will wish to know how the cohort entry extremes have been supported. | |
| 2.3 | Entry from Foundation courses or other equivalent qualifications is appropriate only if there exists a substantial majority whose entry has been on the basis of the levels outlined at point 2.1. The JBM will expect to see evidence that the performance of such cohorts entering degree programmes is equivalent to those entering with achievement levels indicated at point 2.1. | |

3. Achievement Level for Entry onto Accredited Bachelor Degree Programmes Leading to Incorporated Engineer

- 3.1 *BSc (and other accredited degree programmes for IEng).* The expectation is a minimum of 125 UCAS tariff points.
- 3.2 A pass from a Foundation programme would meet the entry requirements for an IEng degree programme – a 40% pass mark being the equivalent of 125 UCAS tariff points. JBM will expect to see evidence that the performance of such cohorts entering degree programmes is equivalent to those entering with A-levels.