HIGHLANDS INTERNATIONAL
CAMBRIDGE ‘A’ LEVELS

1. Subject offered for compulsory and optional

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2. Subject Combinations provided by Highlands

   i. Bio-Science/Medicine/Pharmacy/Dentistry/Sciences
      - Mathematics
      - Chemistry
      - Biology
      - Physics

   ii. Pure Science/Engineering/Actuarial Science/Sciences
        - Mathematics
        - Chemistry
        - Physics
        - Further Mathematics
        - Economics

   iii. Business-related/Mass Communication/Finance/Commerce/Accounting
       - Mathematics
       - Economics
       - Accounting
       - Sociology
       - Business Studies

   iv. Humanities
       - Economics
       - Accounting
       - Sociology
       - Mathematics

   ❖ Subject – are optional

3. Other compulsory subject’s combination.

   i. For all Malaysian students are required to study
      a. Malaysian Studies or (TITAS)
      b. Moral Education or Islamic Studies.
   ii. Malaysian students without credit in Bahasa Malaysia at SPM are required to sit for July Paper to obtain their credit.
   iii. Students need to choose a minimum of 3 subjects from any of the combinations given above.
   iv. Pre-requisites for Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology and Physics apply for science students
   v. Pre-requisites for Economics, Accounting, Business studies, Sociology and Mathematics for art students
   vi. Further Mathematics can only be taken as the 4th subject and the students must have a very strong foundation in Mathematics and Additional Mathematics.

PS-Please consult our Academic Counsellor for additional information
Quick Facts on the Cambridge A’ Level (CAL) programme at HIGHLANDS
January - 2014

**Duration**
1.8 years of 3 semesters,

**Intakes**
January, March and July 2014

**Entry Requirements**
SPM, O Levels or equivalent 5 credits including English and
Mathematics/Science Subject pre-requisites apply

**No. of Subjects / English Language Requirements**
A minimum of 3 or a maximum of 4 A Level subjects

**Assessment Style**
100% external examinations in 2 phases: Advanced Subsidiary Level (AS Level) and A2 Level

**Awarding Body**
University of Cambridge International Examinations (CIE /UK

**Scholarship and Financial Aid Provided HIBS**
Principal's Awards
APHEM Merit Scholarship
Top Achievers’ Award (based on SPM result)
Sibling Discount
Former HIBS/Saleha Discount

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**Why Cambridge A’ Level (CAL) at Highlands?**

**Frequently asked questions**

**Common questions regarding the Cambridge A’ Level (CAL) program at Highlands**

1. **What is the difference between CAL’ at Highlands and in other colleges/schools.**
   - a. Most affordable Cambridge A’Levels course
   - b. Attractive fees for First Hundred Registrants
   - c. Experienced qualified Lecturers of distinction
   - d. No Tuition required
   - e. We provide Bridging programs for needy students
   - f. Examination oriented approach
   - g. Leadership/Personal Development programs
   - h. Highlands atmosphere -1500m high from the sea level
   - i. Cool, fresh, green environment.
   - j. Located away from distractions
   - k. We provide healthy/nutritious meals for all our boarding students
   - l. Separate Halls of residence – Male /Female
   - m. Prayer Rooms – Sura. 
   - n. Security – 24 hours
   - o. Infirmary – medical attention

2. **What is Cambridge A’ level**
   - It is a Pre-University qualification for student to gain entry in any top universities worldwide of their choice, such as Oxford, Cambridge, Imperial College, London School of Economics, Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Cornell, Stanford, MIT Carnegie-Mellon, Wharton Business School, Melbourne, Sydney, National University of Singapore, Toronto and McGill as long as the student obtains excellent result with right combination of subjects for the prerequisite of the university .
   - The good grades in your result, Cambridge A’ Level can provide you, credit exemptions at many outstanding universities all around the world.

3. **Who prepare the exam papers?**
• All examination papers of the Cambridge A’ Levels examinations are prepared and conducted by the Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) board of the University of Cambridge UK.

4. Is Cambridge A’ Levels recognised by Foreign Universities and local Private University?
• Yes, Cambridge A’ Levels is an internationally recognised.
• It is a Pre -University program that prepares students to enter degree courses in all the top worldwide universities.

5. Who provide the curriculum for Cambridge A’ Level?
• The curriculum is provided by CIE, with high international academic standards.

6. What is meant by Advanced Subsidiary Level (AS Level) and Advanced Two (A2) Level?
   Cambridge A’level Examinations (CIE) are conducted in two phases:
   • Phase 1: Advanced Subsidiary (AS) Level will account for 50% of the marks.
   • Phase 2: Advanced Two (A2) Level the other 50%.

7. When do I sit for the exams?
   • Advanced Subsidiary (AS) Level examination will be conducted in the month of October/ November
   • Advanced Two (A2) Level examination will conduct in the month May/June of the following year that is after another half a year.

8. How many semesters this program comprises?
• It is 1.8-year program comprises three semesters
• Each about six months long, with the AS examinations at the end of Semester 2 and the A2 examinations at the end of Semester 3.

9. Do the science stream students, required to sit for the Practical Examination?
• Student opting Physics, Chemistry and Biology subjects are required to sit for the practical examinations.
• Students are assessed based on their laboratory skills by externals (CIE).
• The practical’s are conducted up to 2 hours.

10. How Highlands prepare for final examination?
• We conduct continuous topical assessments.
• We provide topical Remedial classes for weak students.
• Special bridging program provided for the needy students.
• To monitor students’ progress, internal assessments, assignments and semester exams are conducted during prep classes.

11. Why is Cambridge A’ Levels at Highlands is a good choice?
• Highland’s Academic team have well experienced Lecturers who are specialised in their subject with proven result throughout their teaching profession.
• We guarantee that our students do not require any extra tuition classes.
• At Highlands, we provide guidance and support to the students from where they are until they excel in their studies.
• We organise bridging programs for those who are in need of additional support.
• We provide full learning materials that are required for your A’level and it is prepared by our academic team.
• We provide topical past year questions.
• Latest teaching methodologies are used to increase the students’ learning ability.
• Special lectures will be conducted by guest lecturers from renowned universities.
• Leadership programme, extra-curricular activities such as swimming class, tennis class and other outdoor activities are provided for their holistic education.
• Assistance in testimonials, information, application forms of top universities will be provided through our International Placement Centre.
• The best weather and surroundings. (16-24°C)
• Free from distractions.
12. How many percentage of private institution provide Cambridge A’ level in Malaysia?
   - About 90% and all public schools in Singapore run the Cambridge A’level.
   - In addition to most private institutions in Malaysia.

13. How well does Cambridge A’ level in Highlands can send students to the prestigious universities around the world?
   i. First the student need to obtain excellent result.
   ii. Apply for demanding courses such as Medicine, Pharmacy, Engineering, Actuarial Science and Accounting & Finance in any top universities around the world.
   iii. We will assist you with your application.

14. Which are the best universities in the world?

15. What is the term and condition applies for subject combinations?
   - Refer to our subject selection for detail.
   - Students need to choose a minimum of 3 A Level subjects.
   - For Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology and Physics, subject pre-requisites apply (Minimum Credit).
   - Further Mathematics can only be taken as the 4th subject.

16. How is the weekly study schedule for January intake?
   - For non-science subject is taught 6 hours per week.
   - For science subject is taught 8 hours per week inclusive practical.
   - 3 hours per week for Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA) compulsory subjects per week.

17. Final exam fees and when is it due?
   The exam fee for Cambridge A Level program is approximately:

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<td>A2 level only</td>
<td>RM500 per subject</td>
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<td>AS+A2(in one sitting)</td>
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<td>Science Practical Exam</td>
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   - The final exam fees may vary each year according to the fees decided by CIE as well as the foreign exchange rates.

18. What is Highlands International Placement Centre?
   - It is a centre to provide assistance to students in their admissions and applications for higher studies in universities worldwide.
   - We work with the
     i. Malaysian British Educational Cooperation Services (MABECS)
     ii. Malaysian-American Commission on Educational Exchange (MACEE)
   - We conduct career talks
   - Universities & Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) briefings
   - Mock interviews
   - Helping in writing personal statements.
   - Arrange talks by University Academicians.

19. Sibling Discount
   - This is a one-off deduction for new registrations (i.e. new students) only.
   - Quantum: RM500 deduction on tuition fee
   - Requirement:
     a. A new registered student to Highland
     b. The Sibling must currently be studying at HIBS.
• Documents required:
  a. Photocopy of birth certificate for both siblings.
  b. Photocopy of transcripts or student ID card of the sibling.
• Application deadline: 2 weeks after the commencement of program.
• Application form for Sibling Discount can be obtained from the Admissions & Counselling Unit.

20. How I can obtain Scholarship and Financial Aid Provided By HIBS.
• Before applying Scholarships, you will need to complete the registration form along with the necessary fees in order to proceed.

21. How I can register for accommodation in hostel?
• For Hostel Accommodation, fill up-
  i. Residence Application Form
  ii. Residence Rules and Regulation declaration.
  iii. Health Verification Form.

22. Admission Procedures
• Completely filled Application Form.
• You may obtain an Application Form from the Information Centre at the Highlands International or download from our website.
• Malaysian students, please include the following
  i. 2 copy of IC
  ii. 6 passport size photos
  iii. 1 certified true copy of ALL academic certificates & transcripts
  iv. Certified forecast results/ SPM result
  v. Copy of UPSR/PMR school results
• Document checklist for International applicants
  i. 3 copies of passport (all pages, detail page(s) in colour, 2 years validity)
  ii. 6 passport photos (blue background)
  iii. 3 certified true copies of ALL academic certificates & transcripts
  iv. Original NOC/Eligibility Letter
  v. Payment of EMGS fee and registration fee
• Parent/ guardian consent letter
• 1 copy of both parents’ identity card/ passport.
• 2 copies of passport size photos (both parents)
• Photocopy of student’s birth certificate
• 1 copy of student’s school leaving certificate
• Enclose with a sum of RM 500 cash/cheque towards the Registration Fee NON REFUNDABLE
• Application and Registration Fee for Intensive English Program if required.