

## **School Exams GCE/IGCSE/GCSE equivalency**

### **Ministry of Education requirements to receive an equivalency to the Jordanian Tawjihi**

#### **General conditions**

1. Provide the Ministry with a proof that you have completed 12 years of schooling.
2. You must provide a proof of passing the following number of subjects:
  - six O-levels and/or IGCSE/GCSE subjects
  - two A-level subjects.
3. Passing grades are as follows:
  - O-level/IGCSE/GCSE : A, B, C and D
  - A-level/AS : A, B,C,D, and E
4. For the Arab student one of the eight subjects must be Arabic language at either the O or A level. The Ministry of Education will not accept the subject of Arabic as a Second Language for the equivalency purposes. It will consider acceptance if the student was enrolled in an English language medium school outside Jordan for the majority of his/her scholastic years. The Ministry will consider case by case to grant the equivalency.
5. The Ministry of Education will consider the same subject in two levels as two separate subjects (i.e. O level Biology and A level Biology).
6. Graduates from Jordanian schools, and in addition to the subjects of the British programme, must pass the three subjects from the Jordanian curriculum; Arabic, Islamic studies (for muslim students) and General Studies during the last two scholastic years.
7. Graduates from schools outside Jordan must provide certified copies of their last three scholastic years certificates. All GCE/IGCSE certificates must be certified by the British Council Jordan.
8. At the advanced level Computing is considered a science subject. At the ordinary level Computer Studies and Information Technology are considered as science subjects.
9. The Ministry of Education has agreed to equate the Co-ordinated Science as two subjects. Students sitting for Co-ordinated Science should not sit the exams for individual science subjects (i.e. biology, chemistry and physics) as they will not be considered as additional subjects.
10. The Ministry of Education has agreed that two AS subjects are equivalent to one A level for Tawjihi Equivalency purposes. To receive an equivalency for a science subject the two AS subjects should be science subjects (i.e. AS Biology + AS Chemistry). If one AS is a science subject and the other is a literary subject (i.e. AS Math. + AS Arabic) then it equals one A level towards the literary stream. The student should check with the university they are applying to whether they require a full A level or not.

11. If after obtaining equivalency, a student wants to repeat some of the subjects to improve his/her grade, he can do that after one semester from the date of his equivalency and he can repeat up to two subjects.
12. Final centennial grade is calculated based on the below formula and according to the average of the eight subjects:

A*	=	98	C	=	75
A	=	95	D	=	65
B	=	85	E	=	55

### **Equivalency for the Scientific stream**

To gain Tawjihi equivalency in the scientific stream, the following is needed:

- 6 passes in IGCSE or “O” level exams including:
  - Two passes in science subjects
  - One pass in Arabic
- 2 passes in A level
  - One full A level in Physics or in Mathematics.
  - The other A level may be an A level in any science or two AS’s in two sciences.

### **Equivalency for the Literary stream**

To gain Tawjihi equivalency in the **literary stream**, the following is needed:

- 6 passes in IGCSE or “O” level exams including:
  - One pass in Mathematics
  - One pass in Computer Studies/Information Technology
- 2 passes in A-level
  - One full A-level must be in Arabic
  - The other A-level can be one of the following options:
    - A level in any literary subject
    - Two AS’s in any two literary subjects
    - One AS in a literary subject and one AS in a scientific subject.