

How do I access my results?

You access your STEP results using our online results system. Visit the STEP website for further details and the results release date.

We will send STEP results to UCAS, and your results may be accessed by your college or university through UCAS.



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Please check the STEP and university websites for the latest information.

Where can I find out more?

About STEP:
admissionstesting.org/step

Key dates:
admissionstesting.org/step-dates

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SIXTH TERM EXAM PAPER MATHEMATICS



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The Sixth Term Examination Paper (STEP)

Mathematics

If you're applying for certain courses at the University of Cambridge or the University of Warwick, you may need to take STEP. Other universities recommend you take it too.

- The University of Cambridge asks Mathematics applicants to achieve certain STEP grades, as part of conditional offers made to candidates.
- For the University of Cambridge, other courses/course combinations may also require STEP. For details, see: cam.ac.uk/step.
- The University of Warwick may ask applicants to achieve certain STEP grades in its undergraduate Mathematics and Data Science offers.
- Other courses and universities encourage applicants to take STEP. Please visit the university websites for more information.

What's in the test?

There are three STEP papers. If you are taking STEP as part of a conditional offer from a university, the paper(s) you need to take will be explained in the university's offer letter.

Each paper is 3 hours long and all questions carry equal marks. You are assessed on your 6 highest scoring questions. There is no restriction on which questions you choose to answer.

STEP assesses your ability to apply mathematical knowledge in novel and unfamiliar ways. Questions are longer than at A Level, and demand persistence and insight. Marks are awarded for candidates who make good progress towards a solution, as well as for correct answers.

STEP 1 is based on A Level Mathematics. The paper has 11 questions across two sections: the first contains 8 pure questions, and the second contains 3 questions, at least one of which will be on mechanics, at least one of which will be on probability/statistics, and a third either on mechanics or probability/statistics.

STEP 2 is based on A Level Mathematics and AS Level Further Mathematics. The paper has 12 questions across three sections: the first contains 8 pure questions, the second contains 2 mechanics questions, and the third contains 2 probability/statistics questions.

STEP 3 is based on A Level Mathematics and A Level Further Mathematics. The paper has 12 questions across three sections: the first contains 8 pure questions, the second contains 2 mechanics questions, and the third contains 2 probability/statistics questions.

The specifications are available on our website.

admissionstesting.org/step-prep

Where do I take STEP?

You must take the test at a centre that is authorised to run Cambridge Assessment Admissions Testing tests (for most test-takers this is their own school or college). Check with your Exams Officer if your school or college is already registered as a centre that can run our tests.

If your school or college is not already registered as a centre, they can apply to become a test centre.

admissionstesting.org/become-a-centre

If you are not able to take the test at school or college, you need to find an authorised open test centre instead.

admissionstesting.org/find-a-centre

How and when do I register?

You need to be registered as a candidate by the test centre. Please ask the Exams Officer at your centre to register you. Please also ask for your candidate entry number as proof that your registration is complete.

Visit our website for registration deadlines.

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How much does the test cost?

Visit our website to find out the entry fees for STEP.

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Please note, your school/college/test centre may charge an additional administration fee for running the test.

What if I need Access Arrangements?

Access Arrangements are available if you have a disability or special requirement, and are normally entitled to support for exams.

You need to inform your centre of any special requirements when they register you for the test. They will ask for full details and a copy of your medical evidence. Visit our website for the deadline by which your centre must submit requests for modified papers.

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How do I prepare for STEP?

You can download free practice papers from the STEP website. Doing these in timed conditions is an excellent way to prepare and gets you used to the test format and question style.

You will also find other resources on the website, including the test specifications and links to other useful materials.

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