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GCE Advanced Subsidiary subject award

There is no A* grade at this level.

GCE Advanced subject award (Excluding 6361 Mathematics and 6371 Further Mathematics)

Candidates gain A* if they both:

- 1 have enough uniform marks (UMS) in total to gain grade A
- 2 achieve 90% or more on the uniform marks subtotal of their A2 units.

Our specifications consist of two, four or six units. The table below shows the UMS values for the two requirements.

Requirement	Two Unit Award (One A2 unit)	Four Unit Award (Two A2 units)	Six Unit Award (Three A2 units)
1 Minimum total UMS and grade	160 A	320 A	480 A
2 Minimum A2 UMS subtotal	90	180	270

GCE Advanced with GCE Advanced Subsidiary subject award (nine unit award)

Candidates gain A*A if they both:

- 1 have a minimum of 720 uniform marks in total to gain grade AA
- 2 achieve 90% (270) or more on the uniform marks subtotal of their three A2 units.

GCE Advanced double subject award

Candidates gain A*A* if they both:

- 1 have a minimum of 960 uniform marks in total to gain grade AA
- 2 achieve 90% (540) or more on the uniform marks subtotal of their six A2 units.

Candidates who don't gain A*A* can gain A*A if they both:

- 1 have a minimum of 960 uniform marks in total to gain grade AA
- 2 achieve 90% (270) or more on the uniform marks subtotal of their **best three** A2 units.

GCE Advanced 6361 Mathematics and 6371 Further Mathematics

Candidates gain A* in 6361 Mathematics if they both:

- 1 have a minimum of 480 uniform marks in total to gain grade A
- 2 achieve 90% (180) or more on the uniform marks subtotal of units MPC3 and MPC4. (*Unit XMCA2 can be used instead of MPC3 and MPC4*)

Candidates gain A* in 6371 Further Mathematics if they both:

- 1 have a minimum of 480 uniform marks in total to gain grade A
- 2 achieve 90% (270) or more on the uniform marks subtotal of their best three A2 units.

Where candidates enter Mathematics and Further Mathematics in the same series, in accordance with inter-awarding body rules, we will always maximise the **grade** for Mathematics, whilst leaving a valid combination for Further Mathematics.