

BIOLOGY (US)

International General Certificate of Secondary Education

Grade thresholds taken for Syllabus 0438 (Biology) (US) in the October/November 2012 examination.

	maximum mark available	minimum mark required for grade:			
		A	C	E	F
Component 11	40	36	27	20	18
Component 21	80		46	33	29
Component 31	80	42	28	17	12

The threshold (minimum mark) for B is set halfway between those for Grades A and C. The threshold (minimum mark) for D is set halfway between those for Grades C and E. The threshold (minimum mark) for G is set as many marks below the F threshold as the E threshold is above it. Grade A* does not exist at the level of an individual component.

The thresholds for the **syllabus** are determined first by adding together the thresholds for the components taken by the candidate. A reduction may be made at the higher grades depending on the correlation of the papers. If the maximum raw marks for the components are not in the weighting/relationship specified in the syllabus, a weighting is applied to arrive at the overall thresholds. The A* threshold is calculated using the difference between A and B as a starting point.

The maximum total mark for this syllabus is **200**.

The overall thresholds for the different grades were set as follows.

Option	Combination of components	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
DX	11, 31, 84	160	141	122	103	86	69	57	45
HX	11, 21, 84				124	106	89	78	67

Grade Thresholds are published for all GCE A/AS and IGCSE subjects where a corresponding mark scheme is available.