AS exams can be taken at the end of the AS course or alongside A2 levels in England, Wales, and Northern Ireland. AS levels contribute 40% of the total marks of the full A level. Individual AS and A level units can be retaken by students only once. AS exams can be taken at the end of the AS course or alongside A2 levels.
GCSEs in England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Common features across countries

- Non-exam assessment is the minimum necessary in each subject, and the amount required may differ by each regulator.
- GCSEs are of approximately the same size and accessible to the same range of students as those they have replaced.

Key differences between countries

- **9 to 1 grading**
  - (9 being highest grade)
  - All exams taken at the end of the course (linear qualifications)
  - Students must retake all of their exams when retaking the qualification; non-exam assessment marks can be reused

- In general, students receive grades A* to G, but may take some GCSEs used in England (graded 9 to 1)
  - Some GCSEs are linear with all exams taken at the end of the course; some are modular
  - Students must retake all of their exams when retaking a linear GCSE; non-exam assessment marks can be reused
  - Students can only retake each unit once in modular GCSEs

- In general, students may take GCSEs graded A* to G (including a new grade C*) and those graded 9 to 1

Assessment objectives and their weightings differ in some subjects

Content requirements are different in most subjects