## English Qualification Equivalencies

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If English is not your native language, you will need to demonstrate proficiency in English in order to study at the University. Please note that English tests must have been obtained within two years prior to you starting your course at the University.

## English Language Requirements by Qualifying <br> Examination

The University's English language requirements are as follows:

| Qualification | Grade |
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| IELTS (Academic) | 6.5 overall with a minimum of 6.0 in all four <br> components (Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing) |
| LanguageCert International <br> ESOL SELT | B2 Communicator High Pass with 33 in all four <br> components |
| TOEFL iBT <br> (My Best Scores not accepted) | 90 overall with minimum of 20 in all four components <br> (Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing) |
| Cambridge English: Advanced <br> (CAE) | 176 overall with no less than 169 in any component |
| Cambridge Certificate of <br> Proficiency in English (CPE) | 176 overall with no less than 169 in any component |
| Pearson Test of English <br> (Academic) (PTE) | 60 overall, with a minimum of 55 in each component |
| GCSE or iGCSE English <br> Language or English Literature | 4 or C |
| iGCSE English as a First <br> Language | 4 or C (Speaking and Listening must be separately <br> endorsed on the certificate) |
| iGCSE English as a Second <br> Language | 6 or B (Speaking and Listening must be separately <br> endorsed on the certificate) |
| AS-level/A-level English <br> Language or English Language <br> \& Literature or English <br> Literature | C <br> International Baccalaureate (IB) |
| English A: English Language \& Literature or English <br> Literature HL4 or SL5 <br> English B: HL5 or SL5 <br> $4+$ in two Arts \& Humanities or Social Sciences <br> subjects |  |
| European Baccalaureate (EB) | $70 \%$ or 7 at L1 English <br> $80 \% ~ o r ~ 8 ~ a t ~ L 2 ~ E n g l i s h ~$ |
| L3 English not acceptable |  |

## English Language Requirements by Country-Specific Qualifying Examination

Undergraduate applicants who have taken higher level English as part of their secondary school examinations (please see list below), may be exempt from these requirements. Applicants who have been educated full-time in the medium of the English language in the past two years to obtain, for example, A-levels, may also be exempt from these requirements. Any English grades in qualifications not covered below will be considered on an individual basis.

| Country and Qualification | Grade |
| :--- | :--- |
| Austria - Reifeprüfungszeugnis | 2 (gut) in English (written <br> exam) |
| Belgium - Diploma van Secundair Onderwijs/ <br> Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire Superieur | $14 / 20$ or 70\% |
| Denmark - Studentereksamen | 7 |
| Finland - Ylioppilastutkintotodistus | Grade M/5 (magna cum laude <br> approbatur) |
| France - Baccalaureate - General | 13 where English is the first <br> foreign language (LV1/LVA) |
| France - Baccalaureat - (Option Int'I de Bacc) <br> British or American option | 12 |
| Germany - Abitur | 12 in English as <br> Leistungskurs |
| Hong Kong - HKDSE | Level 4 in the English core <br> component |
| Iceland - Stúdentspróf (bóknámsbraut) | 8 in English as a compulsory <br> subject |
| India - Standard XII (CISCE and CBSE) | $70 \%$ overall in the English <br> component |
| Luxembourg Diplôme de Fin d'Etudes Secondaires | $45 \%$ (bien) |
| Malta - Matriculation and Secondary Education <br> Certificate (MATSEC) | C |
| Malaysia - SPM (1119) | C |
| Netherlands - Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk <br> Onderwijs (VWO) | 7 |
| Norway - Vitnemål fra den Videregående Skole | 4 when English is taken as a <br> Common Core Subject |


| Country and Qualification | Grade |
| :--- | :--- |
| Poland - Matura | $70 \%$ when English is taken as <br> an Extended Subject |
| Singapore - O-Level | C |
| Singapore - Integrated Programme | C in English Language or <br> Language Arts |
| Sweden - Fullständigt Slutbetyg från <br> Gymnasieskolan | English 7 at Grade C (VG) |
| Switzerland - Switzerland Certificat de Maturité / <br> Maturitätszeugnis / Attestato di Maturità | 5 (on a scale of 6) <br> 7 (on a scale of 10) |

## English Language Requirement Exemptions

If you are applying for a Postgraduate programme and are a national or have successfully completed a bachelor's degree from one of the following countries within the past five years, then you are not required to complete an additional English language test:

| Antigua and Barbuda | Ireland |
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| Australia | Jamaica |
| The Bahamas | New Zealand |
| Barbados | St Kitts and Nevis |
| Belize | St Lucia |
| Canada (only applies to Nationals) | St Vincent and the Grenadines |
| Dominica | Trinidad and Tobago |
| Grenada | United Kingdom |
| Guyana | United States |

You also do not need to prove your knowledge of English if one of the following applies:

- You are a national of Canada
- You are applying to come to the UK for a study abroad programme as part of a university degree course in the USA
- You proved your level of English in a previous visa application.


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