

Postgraduate English Language Requirements

The following English language qualifications and tests are acceptable for entry to the University of Essex at the levels specified below. If you are taking an English language qualification that is not specified below, please contact the Admissions Office for advice on whether it is acceptable for entry. The levels below are the minimum entry requirements for admission to the University and are also in line with the UK Home Office's minimum requirements, applying to all students requiring a Student visa to study in the UK.

For all the tests listed in this table, except IELTS, Pearson Test of English (PTE) Academic and TOEFL, we can accept a test taken **up to 5 years** before the start of the course you are applying for at Essex. For October 2026 entry an acceptable English language qualification would need to have been achieved in October 2021 or more recently.

- IELTS and PTE Academic: valid for 3 years (taken in October 2023 or more recently). Must be verifiable online by the University at the point that any offer is made.
- TOEFL: valid for 2 years (taken in October 2024 or more recently). Must be verifiable online by the University at the point that any offer is made.

Your offer may include an English language requirement if your previous English language test was obtained more than five (5) years before your course start date (or three (3) years for IELTS and PTE Academic, or two (2) years for TOEFL). This is in line with University policy. If you are unsure why your offer specifies an additional English language test, please contact the [Admissions Office](#) and we can clarify this.

If your undergraduate degree was taught in English and delivered in person, then we may be able to accept it as proof of English proficiency. We will normally need your degree to have been completed no more than five (5) years before your course start date. We are not able to accept degrees delivered remotely (online).

Pre-Sessional English (PSE) courses at the University of Essex

Pre-Sessional English courses are designed to improve your English language level ahead of studying at the University of Essex. If you do not meet the IELTS requirements then you may be able to take a Pre-Sessional English pathway that enables you to meet our English language requirements without retaking IELTS.

Our courses: We offer a range of [Pre-Sessional English Language \(PSE\)](#) courses delivered by expert teachers at the [University of Essex International College \(UEIC\)](#), a Kaplan International Pathways partner, or our partners in China (developed by our [Essex Pathways team](#)). Please see [our website](#) for further information.

Validity period/shelf-life: Our Pre-Sessional English courses are normally only valid for entry to a main course which starts immediately after the Pre-Sessional course. If you take a Pre-Sessional English course but then are not able to start your main course in October, the Pre-Sessional course will **not** normally remain valid. If we can offer you a later start date for your main course, we may ask you for an alternative proof of your English language proficiency.

Application deadline: After mid-June our PSE courses will all have closed to applications - please see [our website](#) for further information.

Acceptability of other universities Pre-Sessional English courses: We do not routinely accept Pre-Sessional English courses taken at other UK universities.

Students requiring a UK Student visa

For students who will require a Student visa to study at the University of Essex, please see the information below:

- For students taking English language tests and requiring a Student visa to study at the University of Essex, all of the tests specified here are acceptable.

- If you are studying at degree-level and above, the tests can be taken at any test centre, not just approved test centres.
- If you will be studying a course below degree-level (including a pre-sessional English course) you will need to have taken an IELTS or Trinity test at an approved test centre.
- If you have taken more than one test, we will normally use your most recent test to determine your level of English proficiency, and (if applicable) to determine the length of pre-sessional English language course that you require.

Exemptions

If you are a national or graduate of a UK Home Office defined majority English-speaking country, you may not need to take an English test to evidence your proficiency, please see [Appendix 1](#) for further information.

Accessibility

If you would like to request this information in an accessible format, please get in touch with pgquery@essex.ac.uk

Please select your department from the list below, then select your course to find the English Language requirements. Please note that the levels for Postgraduate Taught (MSc / MA) **and** Postgraduate Research (PhD / MPhil / MSD) are available under each department:

[Computer Science and Electronic Engineering](#)

(including Centre for Computational Finance and Economic Agents)

[East 15 Acting School](#)

[Essex Business School \(EBS\)](#)

[Economics](#)

(including Institute for Social Economic Research)

[Edge Hotel School](#)

[Government](#)

[Health and Social Care](#)

[Languages and Linguistics](#)

[Law](#)

[Life Sciences](#)

[Literature, Film and Theatre Studies](#)

[School of Mathematical and Actuarial Sciences](#)

[Philosophical, Historical and Interdisciplinary Studies](#)

[Psychology](#)

[Psychosocial and Psychoanalytic Studies](#)

[Sociology and Criminology](#)

[Sport, Rehabilitation and Exercise Sciences](#)

COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING (CSEE)		
Award	Course	Group
Taught Courses: MSc	5G and Emerging Communication Systems	Group 1
	Advanced Computer Science	Group 1
	Algorithmic Trading	Group 1
	Artificial Intelligence	Group 1
	Artificial Intelligence and its Applications	Group 1
	Big Data and Text Analytics	Group 1
	Computational Finance	Group 1
	Computer Engineering	Group 1
	Computer Games	Group 1
	Computer Networks and Security	Group 1
	Electronic Engineering	Group 1
	Financial Technology	Group 1
	Intelligent Systems and Robotics	Group 1
Research Courses: MSD MPhil PhD	Applied Physics	Group 1
	Artificial Intelligence	Group 1
	Computational Finance	Group 1
	Computer Science	Group 1
	Computing and Electronic Systems	Group 1
	Electronic Systems Engineering	Group 1

EAST 15 ACTING SCHOOL		
Award	Course	Group
Taught Courses: MA MFA	Acting	Group 1
	Acting (International)	Group 1
	Acting for Digital Media	Group 1
	Theatre Directing	Group 1
Research Courses: PhD	Drama and Performance	Group 9
	Drama and Performance (Practice as Research)	Group 9

ESSEX BUSINESS SCHOOL (EBS)		
Award	Course	Group
Taught Courses: MSc MRes MBA MBM	Accounting	Group 3
	Accounting and Finance	Group 3
	Accounting and Financial Management	Group 3
	Banking and Finance	Group 3
	Business Analytics	Group 3
	Digital Marketing and Analytics	Group 4
	Entrepreneurship and Innovation	Group 3
	Finance	Group 3
	Finance and Data Analytics	Group 3
	Finance and Management	Group 3
	Finance and Wealth Management	Group 3
	Financial Engineering and Risk Management	Group 3
	Financial Technology (Finance)	Group 3
	Global Project Management	Group 3
	Human Resources Management	Group 4
	International Business and Entrepreneurship	Group 3
	International Logistics and Supply Chain Management	Group 3
	International Marketing and Business Intelligence	Group 3
	Investment and Wealth Management	Group 3
	Management	Group 4
	Management (International)	Group 4
	Management (Marketing)	Group 4
	Management (Social Economy)	Group 4
	Management Research	Group 4
	Marketing	Group 4
	Master of Business Administration (MBA)	Group 5
	Master of Business Management (MBM)	Group 3
	Organisational Change Management	Group 4
	Professional Accounting	Group 3
Research Courses: PhD and MPhD	Accounting	Group 3
	Accounting and Finance	Group 3
	Business Administration	Group 3
	Business Analytics	Group 3
	Entrepreneurship	Group 3
	Finance	Group 3
	Human Resource Management and Organisation Studies	Group 3
	Management	Group 3
	Management Studies	Group 3
	Marketing	Group 3

ECONOMICS (and Institute for Social and Economic Research)		
Award	Course	Group
Taught Courses: MA MSc MRes Graduate Diploma	Behavioural and Experimental Economics	Group 1
	Economics (MA/MSc/Graduate Diploma)	Group 1
	Economics (MRes)	Group 3
	Economics and Econometrics	Group 3
	Economics of Business and Management	Group 1
	Economics with Data Science	Group 1
	Economics with Public Policy	Group 1
	Financial Econometrics	Group 1
	Financial Economics	Group 1
	Financial Economics and Accounting	Group 1
	Financial Economics and Econometrics	Group 1
	Financial Technology (Economics)	Group 1
	International Development	Group 1
	Management Economics	Group 1
	Quantitative International Development	Group 1
Research Courses: PhD MPhil	Applied Social and Economic Research	Group 3
	Biosocial Research	Group 3
	Economics	Group 3
	Health Research	Group 3
	Sociology	Group 3
	Survey Methodology	Group 3

EDGE HOTEL SCHOOL (EHS)		
Award	Course	Group
Taught Courses: MSc	International Hospitality Management	Group 2
Research Courses: PhD	Tourism, Hospitality and Events	Group 3

GOVERNMENT		
Award	Course	Group
Taught Courses: Dip MA MSc MPP MRes	Conflict Resolution	Group 3
	Environmental Futures with Climate Change	Group 3
	Global and Comparative Politics	Group 3
	Ideology and Discourse Analysis	Group 3
	International Relations	Group 3
	Master of Public Policy (MPP)	Group 3
	Political Economy	Group 3
	Political Science	Group 3
	Politics	Group 3
	Politics, Communications and Data Analytics	Group 3
	Social Data Science	Group 3

Research Courses: PhD MPhil	Government	Group 3
	Ideology and Discourse Analysis	Group 3

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE (HSC)		
Award	Course	Group
Taught Courses: MA MSc Graduate Diploma Postgraduate Certificate	Advanced Periodontal Practice	Group 3
	Psychological Well-Being Practitioner (Low Intensity)	Group 10
	Global Public Health	Group 3
	Leadership in Health and Care	Group 3
	Occupational Therapy (pre-registration)	Group 10
	Periodontology	Group 3
	Social Work	Group 10
	Speech and Language Therapy (pre-registration)	Group 12
Research Courses: MSD MPhil PhD Doctorate	Applied Psychology	Group 3
	Clinical Psychology	Group 11
	Health and Organisational Research	Group 3
	Health Care Education	Group 3
	Health Service Management	Group 3
	Health Studies	Group 3
	Language and Communication Science	Group 3
	Nursing	Group 3
	Nursing Studies	Group 3
	Occupational Therapy	Group 3
	Public Health	Group 3
	Public Health (Health Visiting)	Group 3
	Social Policy	Group 3
	Social Services Management	Group 3
	Social Work	Group 3
	Speech and Language Therapy	Group 3

LANGUAGES AND LINGUISTICS		
Award	Course	Group
Taught Courses: MA MRes Postgraduate Diploma	Advanced Interpreting with Specialised Translation (Chinese-English)	Group 5
	Applied Linguistics	Group 4
	Audiovisual and Literary Translation	Group 4
	Conference Interpreting and Translation (Chinese-English)	Group 5
	Diploma Chinese-English Translation and Interpreting	Group 5
	English Language and Linguistics	Group 4
	Intercultural Communication and Translation	Group 4
	Linguistics	Group 4
	Psycholinguistics	Group 4
	Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)	Group 4
	Teaching English and Additional Languages	Group 4
	Translation and Professional Practice	Group 5
	Translation and Professional Practice (Chinese-English)	Group 5
	Translation, Interpreting and Subtitling	Group 5
Research Courses:	Analysing Language Use	Group 8

LANGUAGES AND LINGUISTICS		
Award	Course	Group
PhD	Applied Linguistics	Group 8
	Experimental Linguistics	Group 8
	Languages and Cultures	Group 8
	Language Teaching	Group 8
	Linguistics	Group 8
	Psycholinguistics	Group 8
	Sociolinguistics	Group 8
	Translation Studies (Translation, Interpreting and Subtitling)	Group 8

ESSEX LAW SCHOOL		
Award	Course	Group
Taught Courses: LLM MA	Corporate Responsibility and Business Law	Group 4
	Economics, Social and Cultural Rights	Group 4
	International Commercial and Business Law	Group 4
	International Criminal Law	Group 4
	International Human Rights Law	Group 4
	International Human Rights Law and Economic Law	Group 4
	International Humanitarian Law	Group 4
	International Law	Group 4
	International Trade and Maritime Law	Group 4
	International Trade Law	Group 4
	Law, Environment and Sustainability	Group 4
	Law and Technology	
	Maritime Law	Group 4
	Theory and Practice of Human Rights	Group 4
Research Courses: MPhil PhD	Human Rights	Group 6
	Human Rights and Research Methods	Group 6
	Law	Group 6

LIFE SCIENCES		
Award	Course	Group
Taught Courses: MSc	Biotechnology	Group 3
	Cancer Biology	Group 3
	Health Genomics	Group 3
	Marine Science and Sustainable Development	Group 3
	Molecular Medicine	Group 3
	Tropical Marine Biology	Group 3
Research Courses: MSD MPhil PhD	Biochemistry	Group 3
	Biological Science: Immunology	Group 3
	Biological Sciences	Group 3
	Cell and Molecular Biology	Group 3
	Environmental Biology	Group 3
	Environmental Sciences	Group 3
	Marine Biology	Group 3
	Microbiology	Group 3
	Molecular Medicine	Group 3

LIFE SCIENCES		
Award	Course	Group
	Molecular Medicine: Medical Microbiology	Group 3
	Plant Biology	Group 3
	Tropical Marine Biology	Group 3

LITERATURE, FILM, AND THEATRE STUDIES (LiFTS)		
Award	Course	Group
Taught Courses: MA	American Literatures	Group 9
	Creative Writing	Group 9
	Film and Literature	Group 9
	Film Studies	Group 9
	International Journalism	Group 9
	Literature	Group 9
	Literature and Creative Writing	Group 9
	Literature, Culture and Society	Group 9
	Modern and Contemporary Literature	Group 9
	Scriptwriting (Theatre and Digital Media)	Group 9
	Theatre Practice	Group 9
	Wild Writing: Literature, Landscape and the Environment	Group 9
Research Courses: MAD MPhil PhD	Creative Writing	Group 9
	Film Studies	Group 9
	Film Studies (Creative Practice)	Group 9
	Journalism	Group 9
	Literature	Group 9
	Theatre Studies	Group 9
	Theatre Studies (Playwriting)	Group 9

SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS, STATISTICS AND ACTUARIAL SCIENCE (SMSAS)		
Award	Course	Group
Taught Courses: MSc Graduate Diploma	Actuarial Science	Group 1
	Applied Data Science	Group 1
	Data Science	Group 1
	Data Science with Professional Placement	Group 1
	Data Science and Its Applications	Group 1
	Mathematics	Group 1
	Mathematics and Finance	Group 1
	Optimisation and Data Analytics	Group 1
	Statistics	Group 1
Research Courses: MSD MPhil PhD	Actuarial Science	Group 1
	Applied Mathematics	Group 1
	Bioinformatics	Group 1
	Bio-Statistics	Group 1
	Data Science	Group 1
	Mathematical Biology	Group 1
	Mathematics	Group 1
	Operational Research	Group 1
	Pure Mathematics	Group 1
	Statistics	Group 1

PHILOSOPHICAL, HISTORICAL AND INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES (PHAIS)		
Award	Course	Group
Taught Courses: MA Graduate Diploma Postgraduate Certificate	Art History	Group 4
	Art History and Theory	Group 4
	Curating	Group 4
	Curating with Professional Placement	Group 4
	Environment, Society and Culture	Group 4
	Heritage and Museum Studies	Group 4
	History	Group 7
	History, Power and Identity	Group 7
	Philosophy	Group 7
	Social and Political Thought	Group 4
	War, Society and Culture	Group 7
	Western Marxism	Group 3
Research Courses: MAD MPhil PhD	Art History and Theory	Group 7
	Curating	Group 7
	History	Group 7
	Philosophy	Group 7

PSYCHOLOGY		
Award	Course	Group
Taught Courses: MSc	Cognitive Neuroscience and Neuropsychology	Group 7
	Psychology	Group 7
	Research Methods in Psychology	Group 7
Research Courses: MSD MPhil PhD	Psychology	Group 7
	Psychology with Cognitive Neuroscience and Neuropsychology	Group 7

PSYCHOSOCIAL AND PSYCHOANALYTIC STUDIES (PPS)		
Award	Course	Group
Taught Courses: MA Postgraduate Diploma	Childhood Studies	Group 3
	Gender and Sexuality Studies	Group 3
	Jungian and Post-Jungian Studies	Group 3
	Management and Organisational Dynamics	Group 3
	Psychoanalytic Studies	Group 3
	Psychodynamic Approaches	Group 3
	Psychodynamic Counselling and Psychotherapy	Group 3
	Refugee Care	Group 3
Research Courses: MAD PhD	Childhood Studies	Group 7
	Psychoanalytic Studies	Group 7
	Psychosocial Studies	Group 7
	Refugee Care	Group 7
Integrated PhD	Analytical Psychology	Group 7

SOCIOLOGY AND CRIMINOLOGY		
Award	Course	Group

Taught Courses: MA MSc	Advertising, Marketing and the Media	Group 5
	Criminology	Group 5
	Criminology and Socio-Legal Research	Group 5
	Migration Studies	Group 5
	Organised Crime, Terrorism and Security	Group 5
	Sociological Research Methods	Group 5
	Sociology	Group 5
	Sociology and Criminology	Group 5
	Survey Methods for Social Research	Group 5
Research Courses: MPhil PhD	Criminology	Group 5
	Sociology	Group 5

SPORT, REHABILITATION AND EXERCISE SCIENCES (SRES)		
Award	Course	Group
Taught Courses: Postgraduate Certificate Postgraduate Diploma MSc	Advanced Musculoskeletal Assessment and Practice	Group 3
	First Contact Musculoskeletal Practice	Group 3
	Musculoskeletal Practice (credit accumulation)	Group 3
	Musculoskeletal Ultrasound Imaging	Group 3
	Physiotherapy	Group 10
	Sport and Exercise Psychology	Group 3
	Sport and Exercise Science	Group 3
	Sport Coaching Science	Group 3
	Sports Therapy	Group 3
Research Courses: MSD MPhil PhD DSPC DST	Strength and Conditioning	Group 3
	Health and Exercise Sciences	Group 3
	Health and Physical Activity	Group 3
	Physiotherapy	Group 3
	Sport and Exercise Medicine	Group 3
	Sport and Exercise Psychology	Group 3
	Sport and Exercise Science	Group 3
	Sport and Performance Coaching	Group 3
	Sports Therapy	Group 3

Group 1	
Academic IELTS Including UKVI IELTS, non-UKVI IELTS, IELTS Online, IELTS Indicator, and IELTS One Skill Retake British Academic Centre International English Test (BACIET)	6.0 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 5.5 Reading: 5.5 Writing: 5.5 Speaking: 5.5
TOEFL Ibt TOEFL MyBest TOEFL Special Home Edition	4 overall with a minimum of 4 in each component Or For tests taken before 21 January 2026 only: 82 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 17 Reading: 18 Writing: 17 Speaking: 20
Pearson Test of English (PTE) Not including PTE Academic Online	60 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 59 Reading: 59 Writing: 59 Speaking: 59
Cambridge Advanced English (CAE) Cambridge Proficiency English (CPE)	169 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 162 Reading: 162 Writing: 162 Speaking: 162
Kaplan Test of English (KTE) Kaplan Digital Pre-Sessional English Kaplan Digital Pre-Sessional English Plus	426 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 396 Reading: 396 Writing: 396 Speaking: 396
Trinity College London Integrated Skills in English Level III (ISE III C1)	Pass overall and Pass in each component
Michigan Examination for the Certificate of Proficiency in English (ECPE)	Pass overall with in minimum component scores: Listening: 750 Reading: 750 Writing: 750 Speaking: 750
Oxford International Digital Institute Online Pre-Sessional English (OPSE) Oxford International Digital Institute English Language Level Test (ELLT)	B2+ or 6 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: B2 or 5 Reading: B2 or 5 Writing: B2 or 5 Speaking: B2 or 5
Skills for English	Acceptable: C2 Pass, C1 Pass, and B2 Pass with Merit Not Acceptable: B2 Pass or below
LanguageCert Academic SELT LanguageCert Academic Not including LanguageCert Academic (Online)	65 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 60 Reading: 60 Writing: 60 Speaking: 60

Group 2	
Academic IELTS Including UKVI IELTS, non-UKVI IELTS, IELTS Online, IELTS Indicator, and IELTS One Skill Retake British Academic Centre International English Test (BACIET)	6.0 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 5.5 Reading: 5.5 Writing: 6.0 Speaking: 5.5
TOEFL Ibt TOEFL MyBest TOEFL Special Home Edition	4 overall with a minimum of 4 in each component Or For tests taken before 21 January 2026 only: 82 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 17 Reading: 18 Writing: 20 Speaking: 20
Pearson Test of English (PTE) Not including PTE Academic Online	60 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 59 Reading: 59 Writing: 60 Speaking: 59
Cambridge Advanced English (CAE) Cambridge Proficiency English (CPE)	169 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 162 Reading: 162 Writing: 169 Speaking: 162
Kaplan Test of English (KTE) Kaplan Digital Pre-Sessional English Kaplan Digital Pre-Sessional English Plus	426 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 396 Reading: 396 Writing: 426 Speaking: 396
Trinity College London Integrated Skills in English Level III (ISE III C1)	Pass overall and Pass in each component
Michigan Examination for the Certificate of Proficiency in English (ECPE)	Pass overall with in minimum component scores: Listening: 750 Reading: 750 Writing: 750 Speaking: 750
Oxford International Digital Institute Online Pre-Sessional English (OPSE) Oxford International Digital Institute English Language Level Test (ELLT)	B2+ or 6 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: B2 or 5 Reading: B2 or 5 Writing: B2+ or 6 Speaking: B2 or 5
Skills for English	Acceptable: C2 Pass, C1 Pass, and B2 Pass with Merit. Not Acceptable: B2 Pass or below
LanguageCert Academic SELT LanguageCert Academic Not including LanguageCert Academic (Online)	65 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 60 Reading: 60 Writing: 65 Speaking: 60

Group 3	
Academic IELTS Including UKVI IELTS, non-UKVI IELTS, IELTS Online, IELTS Indicator, and IELTS One Skill Retake British Academic Centre International English Test (BACIET)	6.5 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 5.5 Reading: 5.5 Writing: 5.5 Speaking: 5.5
TOEFL Ibt TOEFL MyBest TOEFL Special Home Edition	4 overall with a minimum of 4 in each component Or For tests taken before 21 January 2026 only: 91 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 17 Reading: 18 Writing: 17 Speaking: 20
Pearson Test of English (PTE) Not including PTE Academic Online	62 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 59 Reading: 59 Writing: 59 Speaking: 59
Cambridge Advanced English (CAE) Cambridge Proficiency English (CPE)	176 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 162 Reading: 162 Writing: 162 Speaking: 162
Kaplan Test of English (KTE) Kaplan Digital Pre-Sessional English Kaplan Digital Pre-Sessional English Plus	459 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 396 Reading: 396 Writing: 396 Speaking: 396
Trinity College London Integrated Skills in English Level III (ISE III C1)	Pass overall and Pass in each component
Michigan Examination for the Certificate of Proficiency in English (ECPE)	Pass overall with in minimum component scores: Listening: 795 Reading: 795 Writing: 795 Speaking: 795
Oxford International Digital Institute Online Pre-Sessional English (OPSE) Oxford International Digital Institute English Language Level Test (ELLT)	C1 or 7 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: B2 or 5 Reading: B2 or 5 Writing: B2 or 5 Speaking: B2 or 5
Skills for English	Acceptable: C2 Pass, C1 Pass, and B2 Pass with Merit Not Acceptable: B2 Pass or below
LanguageCert Academic SELT LanguageCert Academic Not including LanguageCert Academic (Online)	70 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 60 Reading: 60 Writing: 60 Speaking: 60

Group 4	
Academic IELTS Including UKVI IELTS, non-UKVI IELTS, IELTS Online, IELTS Indicator, and IELTS One Skill Retake British Academic Centre International English Test (BACIET)	6.5 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 5.5 Reading: 5.5 Writing: 6.0 Speaking: 5.5
TOEFL Ibt TOEFL MyBest TOEFL Special Home Edition	4 overall with a minimum of 4 in each component Or For tests taken before 21 January 2026 only: 91 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 17 Reading: 18 Writing: 20 Speaking: 20
Pearson Test of English (PTE) Not including PTE Academic Online	62 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 59 Reading: 59 Writing: 60 Speaking: 59
Cambridge Advanced English (CAE) Cambridge Proficiency English (CPE)	176 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 162 Reading: 162 Writing: 169 Speaking: 162
Kaplan Test of English (KTE) Kaplan Digital Pre-Sessional English Kaplan Digital Pre-Sessional English Plus	459 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 396 Reading: 396 Writing: 426 Speaking: 396
Trinity College London Integrated Skills in English Level III (ISE III C1)	Pass overall and Pass in each component
Michigan Examination for the Certificate of Proficiency in English (ECPE)	Pass overall with in minimum component scores: Listening: 750 Reading: 750 Writing: 750 Speaking: 750
Oxford International Digital Institute Online Pre-Sessional English (OPSE) Oxford International Digital Institute English Language Level Test (ELLT)	C1 or 7 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: B2 or 5 Reading: B2 or 5 Writing: B2+ or 6 Speaking: B2 or 5
Skills for English	Acceptable: C2 Pass, C1 Pass, and B2 Pass with Merit Not Acceptable: B2 Pass or below
LanguageCert Academic SELT LanguageCert Academic Not including LanguageCert Academic (Online)	70 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 60 Reading: 60 Writing: 65 Speaking: 60

Group 5	
Academic IELTS Including UKVI IELTS, non-UKVI IELTS, IELTS Online, IELTS Indicator, and IELTS One Skill Retake British Academic Centre International English Test (BACIET)	6.5 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 6.0 Reading: 6.0 Writing: 6.0 Speaking: 6.0
TOEFL Ibt TOEFL MyBest TOEFL Special Home Edition	4 overall with a minimum of 4 in each component Or For tests taken before 21 January 2026 only: 91 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 19 Reading: 21 Writing: 20 Speaking: 22
Pearson Test of English (PTE) Not including PTE Academic Online	62 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 60 Reading: 60 Writing: 60 Speaking: 60
Cambridge Advanced English (CAE) Cambridge Proficiency English (CPE)	176 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 169 Reading: 169 Writing: 169 Speaking: 169
Kaplan Test of English (KTE) Kaplan Digital Pre-Sessional English Kaplan Digital Pre-Sessional English Plus	459 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 426 Reading: 426 Writing: 426 Speaking: 426
Trinity College London Integrated Skills in English Level III (ISE III C1)	Pass overall and Pass in each component
Michigan Examination for the Certificate of Proficiency in English (ECPE)	Pass overall with in minimum component scores: Listening: 795 Reading: 795 Writing: 795 Speaking: 795
Oxford International Digital Institute Online Pre-Sessional English (OPSE) Oxford International Digital Institute English Language Level Test (ELLT)	C1 or 7 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: B2+ or 6 Reading: B2+ or 6 Writing: B2+ or 6 Speaking: B2+ or 6
Skills for English	Acceptable: C2 Pass, C1 Pass, and B2 Pass with Merit Not Acceptable: B2 Pass or below
LanguageCert Academic SELT LanguageCert Academic Not including LanguageCert Academic (Online)	70 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 65 Reading: 65 Writing: 65 Speaking: 65

Group 6	
Academic IELTS Including UKVI IELTS, non-UKVI IELTS, IELTS Online, IELTS Indicator, and IELTS One Skill Retake British Academic Centre International English Test (BACIET)	6.5 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 5.5 Reading: 5.5 Writing: 6.5 Speaking: 5.5
TOEFL Ibt TOEFL MyBest TOEFL Special Home Edition	4 overall with a minimum of 4 in each component Or For tests taken before 21 January 2026 only: 91 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 17 Reading: 18 Writing: 23 Speaking: 20
Pearson Test of English (PTE) Not including PTE Academic Online	62 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 59 Reading: 59 Writing: 62 Speaking: 59
Cambridge Advanced English (CAE) Cambridge Proficiency English (CPE)	176 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 162 Reading: 162 Writing: 176 Speaking: 162
Kaplan Test of English (KTE) Kaplan Digital Pre-Sessional English Kaplan Digital Pre-Sessional English Plus	459 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 396 Reading: 396 Writing: 459 Speaking: 396
Trinity College London Integrated Skills in English Level III (ISE III C1)	Pass overall and Pass in each component
Michigan Examination for the Certificate of Proficiency in English (ECPE)	Pass overall with in minimum component scores: Listening: 795 Reading: 795 Writing: 795 Speaking: 795
Oxford International Digital Institute Online Pre-Sessional English (OPSE) Oxford International Digital Institute English Language Level Test (ELLT)	C1 or 7 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: B2 or 5 Reading: B2 or 5 Writing: C1 or 7 Speaking: B2 or 5
Skills for English	Acceptable: C2 Pass, C1 Pass, and B2 Pass with Merit Not Acceptable: B2 Pass or below
LanguageCert Academic SELT LanguageCert Academic Not including LanguageCert Academic (Online)	70 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 60 Reading: 60 Writing: 70 Speaking: 60

Group 7	
Academic IELTS Including UKVI IELTS, non-UKVI IELTS, IELTS Online, IELTS Indicator, and IELTS One Skill Retake British Academic Centre International English Test (BACIET)	7.0 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 5.5 Reading: 5.5 Writing: 5.5 Speaking: 5.5
TOEFL Ibt TOEFL MyBest TOEFL Special Home Edition	5 overall with a minimum of 4 in each component Or For tests taken before 21 January 2026 only: 95 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 17 Reading: 18 Writing: 17 Speaking: 20
Pearson Test of English (PTE) Not including PTE Academic Online	76 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 59 Reading: 59 Writing: 59 Speaking: 59
Cambridge Advanced English (CAE) Cambridge Proficiency English (CPE)	185 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 162 Reading: 162 Writing: 162 Speaking: 162
Kaplan Test of English (KTE) Kaplan Digital Pre-Sessional English Kaplan Digital Pre-Sessional English Plus	495 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 396 Reading: 396 Writing: 396 Speaking: 396
Trinity College London Integrated Skills in English Level III (ISE III C1)	Pass overall and Pass in each component
Michigan Examination for the Certificate of Proficiency in English (ECPE)	Pass overall with in minimum component scores: Listening: 840 Reading: 840 Writing: 840 Speaking: 840
Oxford International Digital Institute Online Pre-Sessional English (OPSE) Oxford International Digital Institute English Language Level Test (ELLT)	C1+ or 8 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: B2 or 5 Reading: B2 or 5 Writing: B2 or 5 Speaking: B2 or 5
Skills for English	Acceptable: C2 Pass or C1 Pass Not Acceptable: B2 Pass with Merit or below
LanguageCert Academic SELT LanguageCert Academic Not including LanguageCert Academic (Online)	75 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 60 Reading: 60 Writing: 60 Speaking: 60

Group 8	
Academic IELTS Including UKVI IELTS, non-UKVI IELTS, IELTS Online, IELTS Indicator, and IELTS One Skill Retake British Academic Centre International English Test (BACIET)	7.0 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 5.5 Reading: 5.5 Writing: 6.0 Speaking: 5.5
TOEFL Ibt TOEFL MyBest TOEFL Special Home Edition	5 overall with a minimum of 4 in each component Or For tests taken before 21 January 2026 only: 95 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 17 Reading: 18 Writing: 20 Speaking: 20
Pearson Test of English (PTE) Not including PTE Academic Online	76 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 59 Reading: 59 Writing: 60 Speaking: 59
Cambridge Advanced English (CAE) Cambridge Proficiency English (CPE)	185 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 162 Reading: 162 Writing: 169 Speaking: 162
Kaplan Test of English (KTE) Kaplan Digital Pre-Sessional English Kaplan Digital Pre-Sessional English Plus	495 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 396 Reading: 396 Writing: 426 Speaking: 396
Trinity College London Integrated Skills in English Level III (ISE III C1)	Pass overall and Pass in each component
Michigan Examination for the Certificate of Proficiency in English (ECPE)	Pass overall with in minimum component scores: Listening: 840 Reading: 840 Writing: 840 Speaking: 840
Oxford International Digital Institute Online Pre-Sessional English (OPSE) Oxford International Digital Institute English Language Level Test (ELLT)	C1+ or 8 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: B2 or 5 Reading: B2 or 5 Writing: B2+ or 6 Speaking: B2 or 5
Skills for English	Acceptable: C2 Pass or C1 Pass Not Acceptable: B2 Pass with Merit or below
LanguageCert Academic SELT LanguageCert Academic Not including LanguageCert Academic (Online)	75 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 60 Reading: 60 Writing: 65 Speaking: 60

Group 9	
Academic IELTS Including UKVI IELTS, non-UKVI IELTS, IELTS Online, IELTS Indicator, and IELTS One Skill Retake British Academic Centre International English Test (BACIET)	7.0 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 5.5 Reading: 5.5 Writing: 6.5 Speaking: 5.5
TOEFL Ibt TOEFL MyBest TOEFL Special Home Edition	5 overall with a minimum of 4 in each component Or For tests taken before 21 January 2026 only: 95 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 17 Reading: 18 Writing: 23 Speaking: 20
Pearson Test of English (PTE) Not including PTE Academic Online	76 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 59 Reading: 59 Writing: 62 Speaking: 59
Cambridge Advanced English (CAE) Cambridge Proficiency English (CPE)	185 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 162 Reading: 162 Writing: 176 Speaking: 162
Kaplan Test of English (KTE) Kaplan Digital Pre-Sessional English Kaplan Digital Pre-Sessional English Plus	495 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 396 Reading: 396 Writing: 459 Speaking: 396
Trinity College London Integrated Skills in English Level III (ISE III C1)	Pass overall and Pass in each component
Michigan Examination for the Certificate of Proficiency in English (ECPE)	Pass overall with in minimum component scores: Listening: 840 Reading: 840 Writing: 840 Speaking: 840
Oxford International Digital Institute Online Pre-Sessional English (OPSE) Oxford International Digital Institute English Language Level Test (ELLT)	C1+ or 8 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: B2 or 5 Reading: B2 or 5 Writing: C1 or 7 Speaking: B2 or 5
Skills for English	Acceptable: C2 Pass or C1 Pass Not Acceptable: B2 Pass with Merit or below
LanguageCert Academic SELT LanguageCert Academic Not including LanguageCert Academic (Online)	75 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 60 Reading: 60 Writing: 70 Speaking: 60

Group 10	
Academic IELTS Including UKVI IELTS, non-UKVI IELTS, IELTS Online, IELTS Indicator, and IELTS One Skill Retake British Academic Centre International English Test (BACIET)	7.0 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 6.5 Reading: 6.5 Writing: 6.5 Speaking: 6.5
TOEFL Ibt TOEFL MyBest TOEFL Special Home Edition	5 overall with a minimum of 4 in each component Or For tests taken before 21 January 2026 only: 95 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 21 Reading: 23 Writing: 23 Speaking: 24
Pearson Test of English (PTE) Not including PTE Academic Online	76 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 62 Reading: 62 Writing: 62 Speaking: 62
Cambridge Advanced English (CAE) Cambridge Proficiency English (CPE)	Not applicable
Kaplan Test of English (KTE) Kaplan Digital Pre-Sessional English Kaplan Digital Pre-Sessional English Plus	495 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 459 Reading: 459 Writing: 459 Speaking: 459
Trinity College London Integrated Skills in English Level III (ISE III C1)	Not applicable
Michigan Examination for the Certificate of Proficiency in English (ECPE)	Not applicable
Oxford International Digital Institute Online Pre-Sessional English (OPSE) Oxford International Digital Institute English Language Level Test (ELLT)	C1+ or 8 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: C1 or 7 Reading: C1 or 7 Writing: C1 or 7 Speaking: C1 or 7
Skills for English	Acceptable: C2 Pass or C1 Pass Not Acceptable: B2 Pass with Merit or below
LanguageCert Academic SELT LanguageCert Academic Not including LanguageCert Academic (Online)	75 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 70 Reading: 70 Writing: 70 Speaking: 70

Group 11	
Academic IELTS Including UKVI IELTS, non-UKVI IELTS, IELTS Online, IELTS Indicator, and IELTS One Skill Retake British Academic Centre International English Test (BACIET)	7.0 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 7.0 Reading: 7.0 Writing: 7.0 Speaking: 7.0
TOEFL Ibt TOEFL MyBest TOEFL Special Home Edition	5 overall with a minimum of 5 in each component Or For tests taken before 21 January 2026 only: 95 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 22 Reading: 24 Writing: 24 Speaking: 25
Pearson Test of English (PTE) Not including PTE Academic Online	76 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 76 Reading: 76 Writing: 76 Speaking: 76
Cambridge Advanced English (CAE) Cambridge Proficiency English (CPE)	Not applicable
Kaplan Test of English (KTE) Kaplan Digital Pre-Sessional English Kaplan Digital Pre-Sessional English Plus	495 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 495 Reading: 495 Writing: 495 Speaking: 495
Trinity College London Integrated Skills in English Level III (ISE III C1)	Not applicable
Michigan Examination for the Certificate of Proficiency in English (ECPE)	Not applicable
Oxford International Digital Institute Online Pre-Sessional English (OPSE) Oxford International Digital Institute English Language Level Test (ELLT)	C1+ or 8 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: C1+ or 8 Reading: C1+ or 8 Writing: C1+ or 8 Speaking: C1+ or 8
Skills for English	Acceptable: C2 Pass or C1 Pass Not Acceptable: B2 Pass with Merit or below
LanguageCert Academic SELT LanguageCert Academic Not including LanguageCert Academic (Online)	75 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 75 Reading: 75 Writing: 75 Speaking: 75

Group 12	
Academic IELTS Including UKVI IELTS, non-UKVI IELTS, IELTS Online, IELTS Indicator, and IELTS One Skill Retake British Academic Centre International English Test (BACIET)	8.0 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 7.5 Reading: 7.5 Writing: 7.5 Speaking: 7.5
TOEFL Ibt TOEFL MyBest TOEFL Special Home Edition	5 overall with a minimum of 5 in each component Or For tests taken before 21 January 2026 only: 120 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 26 Reading: 27 Writing: 27 Speaking: 28
Pearson Test of English (PTE) Not including PTE Academic Online	84 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 80 Reading: 80 Writing: 80 Speaking: 80
Cambridge Advanced English (CAE) Cambridge Proficiency English (CPE)	Not applicable
Kaplan Test of English (KTE) Kaplan Digital Pre-Sessional English Kaplan Digital Pre-Sessional English Plus	Not applicable
Trinity College London Integrated Skills in English Level III (ISE III C1)	Not applicable
Michigan Examination for the Certificate of Proficiency in English (ECPE)	Not applicable
Oxford International Digital Institute Online Pre-Sessional English (OPSE) Oxford International Digital Institute English Language Level Test (ELLT)	Not applicable
Skills for English	Acceptable: C2 Pass or C1 Pass Not Acceptable: B2 Pass with Merit or below
LanguageCert Academic SELT LanguageCert Academic Not including LanguageCert Academic (Online)	85 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 80 Reading: 80 Writing: 80 Speaking: 80

Appendix 1: Exemptions

UK Home Office guidance indicates that students may be exempted from providing English language qualifications where they fit into one of two categories below.

(1) Students who have previously completed an academic qualification equivalent to a UK degree which was taught in one of the following countries ('majority English-speaking' countries). Students must normally have graduated no more than five (5) years before their course start date at Essex. Antigua and Barbuda Australia The Bahamas Barbados Belize Dominica Grenada Guyana Ireland Jamaica Malta New Zealand St Kitts and Nevis St Lucia St Vincent and the Grenadines Trinidad and Tobago United Kingdom United States of America Degrees taught online are not considered acceptable.	(2) Students who are nationals of one of the following countries ('majority English-speaking' countries): Antigua and Barbuda Australia The Bahamas Barbados Belize Canada Dominica Grenada Guyana Jamaica Malta New Zealand St Kitts and Nevis St Lucia St Vincent and the Grenadines Trinidad and Tobago United Kingdom United States of America Students who have lived outside one of these countries for an extended period of time may still need to provide an acceptable English Language qualification, including those with dual nationality with a country outside of this list and British National (Overseas).
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