

UNIVERSITY OF ESSEX
UNDERGRADUATE ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS
FOR APPLICANTS WHO DO NOT REQUIRE A STUDENT VISA (AND NATIONALS OF 'MAJORITY ENGLISH SPEAKING COUNTRIES')

▪ **Overview of English language requirements:**

The English language requirements in this table apply to all applicants who do not require a Student visa to study in the UK or are nationals of majority English speaking countries (as defined by the UK Home Office list). The table below shows the English language qualifications and tests that are acceptable for entry to the University of Essex and the levels required. The levels are the minimum entry requirements for admission to the University.

If you are not a national of a majority English-speaking country listed above, and you require a Student visa to study in the UK, please see www.essex.ac.uk/see/english-student-visa-required for the correct English language requirements.

▪ **English qualifications or tests not listed in the table:**

If you are taking an English language qualification that is not specified below, please contact the Undergraduate Admissions Office (admit@essex.ac.uk) for advice on whether it is acceptable for entry.

▪ **English qualifications or tests taken over five years ago:**

The conditions of your offer may include an English language requirement if your previous English language qualification was taken more than five years ago. This is in line with University policy. If you are unsure why your offer specifies an additional English language test, please contact the Undergraduate Admissions Office and we will be happy to clarify this for you.

▪ **TOEFL:**

All TOEFL tests must be verifiable online by the University at the point that any offer is made. Verification is only available online within 2 years of the date of the test.

▪ **Requirements for Nursing, Social Work, Journalism, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy and Speech and Language Therapy:**

Please note that there are different IELTS requirements for entry to the following courses:

- **BSc Nursing (Adult) and BSc Nursing (Mental Health)** - 7.0 overall with 6.5 in writing, and 7.0 in all other components
- **BA Multimedia Journalism** - 7.0 overall with a minimum of 5.5 in each component.
- **BA Social Work, BSc Physiotherapy and BSc Occupational Therapy** - 7.0 overall with a minimum of 6.5 in each component.
- **BSc Speech and Language Therapy** – 8.0 overall with a minimum of 7.5 in each component.

Applicants for these courses who are not taking IELTS should contact the Undergraduate Admissions Office (admit@essex.ac.uk) for information on our requirements from other English language tests/qualifications.

English Language test/qualification	Minimum Level required (excluding courses with non-standard requirements, listed above)		
	First Year Entry	Second and Final Year Direct Entry	Essex Pathways degrees including foundation year (Home/EU applicants only)
IELTS IELTS Indicator (online) If not met from a single test, requirements can be met from a combination of scores from two different IELTS tests provided they are <u>both</u> within the relevant shelf-life period <u>and</u> at CEFR level B2 or above.	6.0 overall	6.5 overall	5.5 overall
TOEFL (iBT) TOEFL iBT Online - Special Home Edition TOEFL - My Best Scores	76 overall If already achieved, all TOEFL tests must be verifiable online by the University at the point that any offer is made. Verification is only available online within 2 years of the date of the test.	88 overall If already achieved, all TOEFL tests must be verifiable online by the University at the point that any offer is made. Verification is only available online within 2 years of the date of the test.	72 overall If already achieved, all TOEFL tests must be verifiable online by the University at the point that any offer is made. Verification is only available online within 2 years of the date of the test.
Pearson Test of English	50 overall	58 overall	42 overall
<u>Cambridge English Qualifications</u>	A score of 169 overall on the Cambridge English Scale	A score of 176 overall on the Cambridge English Scale	A score of 162 overall on the Cambridge English Scale

C1 Advanced (Certificate in Advanced English) or C2 Proficiency (Certificate of Proficiency in English)			
Trinity College London Integrated Skills in English (ISE) Level III and IV	Pass	Pass	Pass
LanguageCert International ESOL B2 Communicator <i>This qualification includes two separate tests – ‘Spoken’ and ‘Written’ (‘Written’ test includes writing, reading and listening).</i>	High Pass in Written test and Pass in Spoken test	High Pass in Written test and Pass in Spoken test	Pass in Written test and Pass in Spoken test
Michigan English Test – Examination for the Certificate of Proficiency in English (ECPE)	Successful completion of the ECPE Certificate of Proficiency with Pass overall	Successful completion of the ECPE Certificate of Proficiency with Pass overall	Successful completion of the ECPE Certificate of Proficiency with Pass overall
KITE (Kaplan International Tools for English)	426	475	396
International Baccalaureate	Standard Level or Higher Level grade 4 in any of the below modules: English A: Language and Literature English A: Literature English B English Literature and Performance	Standard Level or Higher Level grade 4 in any of the below modules: English A: Language and Literature English A: Literature English B English Literature and Performance	Standard Level or Higher Level grade 4 in any of the below modules: English A: Language and Literature English A: Literature English B English Literature and Performance

IGCSE/GCSE/O-Level English (as a first or second language)	C or 4	C or 4	C or 4
Pre-sessional English course 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. These courses are delivered by the University of Essex International College. Please see our website for further information: https://www.essex.ac.uk/international/pre-sessional . Our pre-sessional English courses are only valid for entry to a main course which starts immediately after the pre-sessional course.		