

English Language Equivalencies

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* See below for Russell Group list

<i>Qualification</i>	<i>Level required</i>		
IELTS	6.0 with no less than 5.5 in each element	6.5 with no less than 6.0 in each element	7.0 with no less than 6.0 in each element
TOEFL (IBT)	79 (minimum 17 in Writing and Listening, 18 in Reading, 20 in Speaking)	87 (minimum 20 in Speaking and 19 in all other elements)	100 (minimum 19 with 20 in Speaking)
PTE (Academic) Pearson Test of English Academic	55 (minimum 51)	62 (minimum 55)	67 (minimum 55)
GCE A Level English Language or English Literature	C	C	B
GCE AS Level English Language or English Literature	C	C	B
GCSE/O-Level English (as a first or second language)	C	C	B
IGCSE First Language English (boards other than Cambridge)	C	C	B
Cambridge/CIE IGCSE English as a first language	C	C	B
IGCSE Second Language English (all exam boards)	B	B	A
GCSE/IGCSE English Literature	C	C	B
Cambridge International Level 2 Certificate	C	C	B

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Cambridge Proficiency/Advanced test (from January 2015)	169 with no element below 162	184 with no element below 169	190 with no element below 169
Cambridge Advanced Test (CAE) (prior to January 2015)	C	B	A
Cambridge Proficiency Test (prior to January 2015)	C	B	B
International Baccalaureate English A1 or A2 or English Literature (Standard or Higher Level)	4	4	5
International Baccalaureate English B (Higher Level)	4	4	5
International Baccalaureate English B (Standard Level)	5	5	6
Warwick HE Foundation Programme (English and Study Skills element)	50%	55%	60%
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University of Nottingham Malaysia or China Campus	Satisfactory completion of 2 years at UNMC or UNNC	Satisfactory completion of 2 years at UNMC or UNNC	Satisfactory completion of 2 years at UNMC or UNNC
University of Reading TEEP	Confirmation of IELTS equivalent required from Reading	Confirmation of IELTS equivalent required from Reading	Confirmation of IELTS equivalent required from Reading
UETESOL	BBBCC (Above pass)	BBBBB (above Pass)	AABBB
European Baccalaureate (first or second language)	6	6	7

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IELTS		6.0 with no less than 5.5 in each element	6.5 with no less than 6.0 in each element	7.0 with no less than 6.0 in each element
Austria	Matura / Reifeprüfung	2 (gut) when both written and oral exams have been taken	2 (gut) when both written and oral exams have been taken	2 (gut) when both written and oral exams have been taken
Belgium		8 / 80% or Grote avec grande distinction	8 / 80% or Grote avec grande distinction	8 / 80% or Grote avec grande distinction
Botswana	Botswana GCSE (BGCSE)	C	C	B
Brunei	O-Level	C	C	B
Bulgaria	Secondary School Diploma	5	5	5
Cameroon	O level	C	C	B
Caribbean	CXC CSEC English A	3	3	2
Denmark	Studentereksamen	7	7	10
Finland	Ylioppilastutkintoto distus	5 (magna cum laude approbatur)	5 (magna cum laude approbatur)	5 (magna cum laude approbatur)
France	French Baccalaureat (General)	14 (bien) where the co-efficient applied to the subject is greater than 1	14 (bien) where the co-efficient applied to the subject is greater than 1	14 (bien) where the co-efficient applied to the subject is greater than 1
	French Bacclaireate (OIB)	12/20	12/20	12/20
Gambia	Year 12 English	<i>Please contact International Office</i>		
Germany	Abitur	12 (gut) when taken as an achievement/ main/intensive course	12 (gut) when taken as an achievement/ main/intensive course	13 (sehr gut) when taken as an achievement/ main/intensive course
Ghana	WAEC / WASSCE	C6	C5	B3
	NECO / iGCSE	C	C	B

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Hong Kong	A-Level Use of English HKCEE HKDSE – core English Language (from 2012)	C Taken pre-2007 - C Taken post-2007 – 3 4	C Taken pre-2007 – C Taken post-2007 – 3 5	B Taken pre 2007 – B Taken post-2007 – 4 5*
Iceland	Studentsprof	8 when taken as a compulsory language	8 when taken as a compulsory language	8 when taken as a compulsory language
India	Standard XII ISC and CBSE Boards only	70%	75%	80%
	Standard X ISC and CBSE Boards Only	61%-70% B2 7.0	71%-80% B1 8.0	71%-80% B1 8.0
Ireland	Leaving Certificate English (Higher or Ordinary)	C	C	B
Kenya / East Africa	KCSE / iGCSE (or equivalent)	C	C	B
Lesotho	Year 12 English	<i>Please contact International Office</i>		
Liberia	Year 12 English	<i>Please contact International Office</i>		
Luxembourg	Diplome de Fin d'Etudes Secondaires	45 (bien)	45 (bien)	45 (bien)

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Malaysia	UCLES 1119 Syllabus	6C or C	4B or B	1A or A
Malta	IGCSE or Secondary Education Certificate Secondary Education Certificate Examinations (SEC)	C / 4	C / 4	B / 2
Mauritius	Year 12 English	<i>Please contact International Office</i>		
Netherlands	VWO	8 (goed)	8 (goed)	8 (goed)
Nigeria / West Africa	WAEC / WASSCE	C6	C5	B3
	NECO / iGCSE	C	C	B
Norway	Vitemal	5	5	5
Seychelles	Year 12 English	<i>Please contact International Office</i>		
Scotland	Advanced Higher or Higher English	C	C	B
Sierra Leone	Year 12 English	<i>Please contact International Office</i>		
Singapore	O-Level	C	C	B
	Secondary Four English Language or Language Arts (for IP students)	C or CAP 2.0	C or CAP 2.0	B or CAP 3.0
South Africa	South African National Senior Certificate (SANSC – 'matric') IEB or gov board.	5 or C	5 or C	6 or B
Sweden	Slutbetyg fran Komvux	VG (val godkant)	VG (val godkant)	VG (val godkant)
Switzerland	Maturita	5 (gut/bien/bene)	5 (gut/bien/bene)	5 (gut/bien/bene)

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IELTS				
Tanzania	iGCSE (or equivalent)	C	C	B
Uganda	UCE / IGCSE (or equivalent)	6	5	3
Zambia	iGCSE (or year 12 equivalent)	C	C	B
Zimbabwe	iGCSE (or year 12 equivalent)	C	C	B

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Russell Group Institutions – correct at September 2014

University of Birmingham

King's College London

University of Sheffield

University of Bristol

University of Leeds

University of Southampton

University of Cambridge

University of Liverpool

University College London

Cardiff University

London School of Economics & Political Science

University of Warwick

Durham University

University of Manchester

University of York

University of Edinburgh

Newcastle University

University of Exeter

The University of Nottingham

University of Glasgow

University of Oxford

Imperial College London

Queen's University Belfast