

**UNIVERSITY OF ESSEX
UNDERGRADUATE ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS
FOR EU AND EEA NATIONALS, AND NATIONALS OF 'MAJORITY ENGLISH SPEAKING COUNTRIES'**

Overview of English language requirements:

- The following table shows the English language qualifications and tests that are acceptable for entry to the University of Essex and the levels required.

Nationals of majority English speaking countries:

- The definition of 'majority English-speaking countries' is taken from the UK Home Office list below:

A – H

Antigua and
Barbuda
Australia
The Bahamas
Barbados
Belize
Canada
Dominica
Grenada
Guyana

I – P

Jamaica
New Zealand

Q - Z

St Kitts and Nevis
St Lucia
St Vincent and the
Grenadines
Trinidad and
Tobago
United States of
America

- If you are not an EU or EEA national, or the national of a majority English-speaking country listed above, please contact the Admissions Adviser named on your offer letter if you have already received an offer. If you have not yet received an offer or made an application, please see www.essex.ac.uk/see/ug-intl-english for the correct English language requirements for students who require a Tier 4 visa to study in the UK and are not nationals of majority English-speaking countries.

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 two years ago:

- The conditions of your offer may include an English language requirement if your previous English language qualification was taken more than two 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.

Requirements for Nursing, Social Work, Journalism, Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy:

- 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 in IELTS with a minimum of 7.0 in each component.
 - **BA Social Work** - 7.0 overall in IELTS with a minimum of 6.5 in each component.
 - **BA Multimedia Journalism** - 7.0 overall in IELTS with a minimum of 5.5 in each component.
 - **BSc Physiotherapy and BSc Occupational Therapy** - 7.0 overall in IELTS with a minimum of 6.5 in each component.
 - **BSc Speech and Language Therapy** – 8.0 overall with 7.5 in each component.

Applicants for these courses who are not taking IELTS should refer to the requirements below.

English Language test/qualification	Minimum Level required			
	First Year Entry	Second and Third Year Direct Entry	Year 0 International Academy courses	International Foundation Programme
IELTS	6.0 overall	6.5 overall	5.5 overall	5.0 overall
TOEFL (IBT)	76 overall	88 overall	72 overall	61 overall
Pearson Test of English	51 overall	60 overall	51 overall	36 overall
IGCSE/GCSE/O-Level English (as a first or second language)	C	C	C	C
Cambridge Proficiency in English Examination (CPE) taken before January 2015	Level C1	Level C1	Level C1	Level C1
Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English (CAE) taken before January 2015	Level B2 with a score of 52 or higher	C	Level B2 with a score of 47 or higher	Level B2

CAE or CPE taken from January 2015 onwards	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	A score of 154 overall on the Cambridge English Scale
Trinity College London Integrated Skills in English (ISE) Level III and IV	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Pre-sessional English course at the University of Essex	<p>If you do not meet our English language requirements and you are not able to take one of the English language tests listed above, you may be interested in the pre-sessional English language programmes offered by our Essex Pathways Department.</p> <p>For students applying for courses in Essex Business School and the School of Law, we also offer subject-specific pre-sessional programmes. For further information about the pre-sessional courses available and whether you would be eligible, please visit: http://www.essex.ac.uk/pathways/</p>			