

## 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 Graduate 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 requirements that were introduced in 2011; the UK Home Office's minimum requirements apply to all students applying for a Tier 4 visa to study in the UK.

Your offer may include an English language requirement if your previous English language test was obtained more than two years before your course start date. This is in line with UK Home Office requirements and University policy. If you are unsure why your offer specifies an additional English language test, please contact the Graduate Admissions Office and we will be happy to clarify this for you.

You may be able to meet your English language requirement by taking a pre-sessional English course at the University of Essex. For more information about these courses, please visit

<http://www.essex.ac.uk/internationalacademy/courses/english/ps/default.aspx>

## Students requiring a Tier 4 UK student visa, and changes to UK Home Office requirements, effective from April 2015

For students who will require a Tier 4 visa to study at the University of Essex, please see the information below:

- For students taking English language tests and requiring a Tier 4 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 use your most recent test to determine your level of English proficiency, and the length of English language course that you require.

For further information on minimum English language requirements and making an application for a visa, please visit

<https://www.essex.ac.uk/immigration/studies/english.aspx>

<b>Department</b>	<b>Academic IELTS</b>	<b>TOEFL IBT (International students: please see Note 3)</b>	<b>Pearson Test of English (PTE)</b>	<b>CPE (Cambridge English: Proficiency) OR CAE (Cambridge Advanced English)  When taken from January 2015</b>	<b>Trinity College London ISE</b>
<b>Art History Taught Degrees</b>	6.5 overall (5.5 min component score except 6.0 in writing)	88 (minimum scores of Listening 17, Reading 18, Writing 24 and Speaking 20)	60 overall score with minimum component scores: Listening - 51 Reading - 51 Writing – 55 Speaking – 51	A score of 176 overall on the Cambridge English Scale, with a minimum of 162 in each component, except 169 in writing).	ISE Level III: Pass (overall and in each component)
<b>Art History Research Degrees</b>	7.0 overall (5.5 min component score)	100 (minimum scores of Listening 17, Reading 18, Writing 17 and Speaking 20)	65 overall score with minimum component scores: Listening - 51 Reading - 51 Writing – 51 Speaking - 51	A score of 185 overall on the Cambridge English Scale, with a minimum of 162 in each component.	ISE Level III: Pass (overall and in each component)
<b>Biological Sciences</b>	6.5 overall (5.5 min component score)	88 (minimum scores of Listening 17, Reading 18, Writing 17 and Speaking 20)	60 overall with minimum component scores: Listening - 51 Reading - 51 Writing - 51 Speaking - 51	A score of 176 overall on the Cambridge English Scale, with a minimum of 162 in each component.	ISE Level III: Pass (overall and in each component)

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<b>Computational Finance &amp; Econ. Agents</b>	6.0 overall (5.5 min component score)	83 (minimum scores of Listening 17, Reading 18, Writing 17 and Speaking 20)	51 overall with minimum component scores: Listening - 51 Reading - 51 Writing - 51 Speaking - 51	A score of 169 overall on the Cambridge English Scale, with a minimum of 162 in each component.	ISE Level III: Pass (overall and in each component)
<b>Computer Science &amp; Electronic Eng.</b>	6.0 overall (5.5 min component score)	83 (minimum scores of Listening 17, Reading 18, Writing 17 and Speaking 20)	51 overall with minimum component scores: Listening - 51 Reading - 51 Writing - 51 Speaking - 51	A score of 169 overall on the Cambridge English Scale, with a minimum of 162 in each component.	ISE Level III: Pass (overall and in each component)
<b>East 15</b>	6.0 overall (5.5 min component score)	83 (minimum scores of Listening 17, Reading 18, Writing 17 and Speaking 20)	51 overall with minimum component scores: Listening - 51 Reading - 51 Writing - 51 Speaking - 51	A score of 169 overall on the Cambridge English Scale, with a minimum of 162 in each component.	ISE Level III: Pass (overall and in each component)

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<b>Economics - taught courses (except MSc Economics &amp; Econometrics, MRes Economics)</b>	6.0 overall (5.5 min component score)	83 (minimum scores of Listening 17, Reading 18, Writing 17 and Speaking 20)	51 overall with minimum component scores: Listening - 51 Reading - 51 Writing - 51 Speaking - 51	A score of 169 overall on the Cambridge English Scale, with a minimum of 162 in each component.	ISE Level III: Pass (overall and in each component)
<b>Economics – research degrees, and MSc Economics &amp; Econometrics, MRes Economics</b>	6.5 overall (5.5 min component score)	88 (minimum scores of Listening 17, Reading 18, Writing 17 and Speaking 20)	60 overall with minimum component scores: Listening - 51 Reading - 51 Writing - 51 Speaking - 51	A score of 176 overall on the Cambridge English Scale, with a minimum of 162 in each component.	ISE Level III: Pass (overall and in each component)

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<b>Essex Business School (not MBA, or MSc Marketing and Brand Management, MSc International Management, MSc Management, MSc Human Resource Management, or MSc Marketing Management).</b>	6.5 overall (5.5 min component score)	88 (minimum scores of Listening 17, Reading 18, Writing 17 and Speaking 20)	60 overall with minimum component scores: Listening - 51 Reading - 51 Writing - 51 Speaking - 51	A score of 176 overall on the Cambridge English Scale, with a minimum of 162 in each component.	ISE Level III: Pass (overall and in each component)
<b>Essex Business School (MBA, MBA Museum Management)</b>	6.5 overall, (6.0 min component score)	88 (minimum scores of Listening 24, Reading 24, Writing 24 and Speaking 24)	60 overall with minimum component scores: Listening - 55 Reading - 55 Writing - 55 Speaking - 55	A score of 176 overall on the Cambridge English Scale, with a minimum of 169 in each component.	ISE Level III: Pass (overall and in each component)

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<b>Essex Business School</b> <b>(MSc Marketing and Brand Management, MSc International Management, MSc Management, MSc Human Resource Management, MSc Marketing Management)</b> <b>(Pre-sessional courses: please see Note 2)</b>	6.5 overall (5.5 min component score, except 6.0 in writing)	88 (minimum scores of Listening 17, Reading 18, Writing 24 and Speaking 20)	60 overall score with minimum component scores: Listening - 51 Reading - 51 Writing – 55 Speaking - 51	A score of 176 overall on the Cambridge English Scale, with a minimum of 162 in each component, except 169 in writing).	ISE Level III: Pass (overall and in each component)
<b>Government</b>	6.5 overall (5.5 min component score)	88 (minimum scores of Listening 17, Reading 18, Writing 17 and Speaking 20)	60 overall with minimum component scores: Listening - 51 Reading – 51 Writing – 51 Speaking – 51	A score of 176 overall on the Cambridge English Scale, with a minimum of 162 in each component.	ISE Level III: Pass (overall and in each component)

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<b>Health &amp; Human Sciences (non pre-Registration courses)</b>	6.5 overall (5.5 min component score)	88 (minimum scores of Listening 17, Reading 18, Writing 17 and Speaking 20)	60 overall with minimum component scores: Listening - 51 Reading - 51 Writing - 51 Speaking - 51	A score of 176 overall on the Cambridge English Scale, with a minimum of 162 in each component.	ISE Level III: Pass (overall and in each component)
<b>History</b>	7.0 overall (5.5 min component score)	100 (minimum scores of Listening 17, Reading 18, Writing 17 and Speaking 20)	65 overall score with minimum component scores: Listening - 51 Reading - 51 Writing - 51 Speaking - 51	A score of 185 overall on the Cambridge English Scale, with a minimum of 162 in each component.	ISE Level III: Pass (overall and in each component)
<b>Human Rights – research degrees</b>	7.0 overall (5.5 min component score except 6.5 in writing)	100 (minimum scores of Listening 17, Reading 18, Writing 26 and Speaking 20)	65 overall score with minimum component scores: Listening - 51 Reading - 51 Writing – 60 Speaking - 51	A score of 185 overall on the Cambridge English Scale, with a minimum of 162 in each component, except 176 in writing).	ISE Level III: Pass (overall and in each component)

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<b>Institute of Social &amp; Economic Research (ISER)</b>	6.5 overall (5.5 min component score)	88 (minimum scores of Listening 17, Reading 18, Writing 17 and Speaking 20)	60 overall with minimum component scores: Listening - 51 Reading - 51 Writing - 51 Speaking - 51	A score of 176 overall on the Cambridge English Scale, with a minimum of 162 in each component.	ISE Level III: Pass (overall and in each component)
<b>International Academy Graduate Diplomas</b>	5.5 overall (5.5 min component score)	72 (minimum scores of Listening 17, Reading 18, Writing 17 and Speaking 20)	51 overall with minimum component scores: Listening - 51 Reading - 51 Writing - 51 Speaking - 51	A score of 162 overall on the Cambridge English Scale, with a minimum of 162 in each component.	ISE Level III: Pass (overall and in each component)

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<b>Language &amp; Linguistics Taught courses (not MA Translation &amp; Literature, or MA Business Translation and Interpreting, or MA Chinese-English Translation &amp; Interpreting)</b>  <b>(Pre-sessional courses: please see Note 2)</b>	6.5 overall (5.5 min component score except 6.0 in writing)	88 (minimum scores of Listening 17, Reading 18, Writing 24 and Speaking 20)	60 overall with minimum component scores: Listening - 51 Reading - 51 Writing - 55 Speaking - 51	A score of 176 overall on the Cambridge English Scale, with a minimum of 162 in each component, except 169 in writing).	ISE Level III: Pass (overall and in each component)
<b>Language &amp; Linguistics Research degrees</b>  <b>(Pre-sessional courses: please see Note 2)</b>	7.0 overall, (5.5 min component score, except 6.0 in writing)	100 (minimum scores of Listening 17, Reading 18, Writing 24 and Speaking 20)	65 overall with minimum component scores: Listening - 51 Reading - 51 Writing - 55 Speaking - 51	A score of 185 overall on the Cambridge English Scale, with a minimum of 162 in each component, except 169 in writing).	ISE Level III: Pass (overall and in each component)

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<b>Language &amp; Linguistics</b> <b>MA Translation &amp; Literature, MA Business Translation and Interpreting, MA Chinese-English Translation &amp; Interpreting</b> <b>(Pre-sessional courses: please see Note 2)</b>	6.5 overall (6.0 minimum component score in all components)	88 (minimum scores of Listening 24, Reading 24, Writing 24 and Speaking 24)	60 overall with minimum component scores: Listening - 55 Reading - 55 Writing - 55 Speaking - 55	A score of 176 overall on the Cambridge English Scale, with a minimum of 169 in each component.	ISE Level III: Pass (overall and in each component)
<b>Law and Human Rights – taught courses</b>	6.5 overall (5.5 min component score except 6 in writing)	88 (minimum scores of Listening 17, Reading 18, Writing 24 and Speaking 20)	60 overall with minimum component scores: Listening - 51 Reading - 51 Writing - 55 Speaking - 51	A score of 176 overall on the Cambridge English Scale, with a minimum of 162 in each component, except 169 in writing).	ISE Level III: Pass (overall and in each component)

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<b>Law – research degrees Law – PG Dip EU Commercial Law, PG Dip International Trade Law</b>	6.5 overall (5.5 min component score except 6.5 in writing)	88 (minimum scores of Listening 17, Reading 18, Writing 26 and Speaking 20)	60 overall with minimum component scores: Listening - 51 Reading - 51 Writing - 60 Speaking - 51	A score of 176 overall on the Cambridge English Scale, with a minimum of 162 in each component, except 176 in writing).	ISE Level III: Pass (overall and in each component)
<b>Literature, Film &amp; Theatre Studies</b>	7.0 overall (5.5 min component score except 6.5 in writing)	100 (minimum scores of Listening 17, Reading 18, Writing 26 and Speaking 20)	65 overall with minimum component scores: Listening - 51 Reading - 51 Writing - 60 Speaking – 51	A score of 185 overall on the Cambridge English Scale, with a minimum of 162 in each component, except 176 in writing).	ISE Level III: Pass (overall and in each component)
<b>Mathematics</b>	6.0 overall (5.5 min component score)	76 (minimum scores of Listening 17, Reading 18, Writing 17 and Speaking 20)	51 overall with minimum component scores: Listening - 51 Reading - 51 Writing - 51 Speaking - 51	A score of 169 overall on the Cambridge English Scale, with a minimum of 162 in each component.	ISE Level III: Pass (overall and in each component)

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<b>Philosophy</b>	7.0 overall (5.5 min component score)	100 (minimum scores of Listening 17, Reading 18, Writing 17 and Speaking 20)	65 overall score with minimum component scores: Listening - 51 Reading - 51 Writing – 51 Speaking - 51	A score of 185 overall on the Cambridge English Scale, with a minimum of 162 in each component.	ISE Level III: Pass (overall and in each component)
<b>Psychoanalytic Studies – taught courses</b>	6.5 overall (5.5 min component score)	88 (minimum scores of Listening 17, Reading 18, Writing 17 and Speaking 20)	60 overall with minimum component scores: Listening - 51 Reading - 51 Writing - 51 Speaking - 51	A score of 176 overall on the Cambridge English Scale, with a minimum of 162 in each component.	ISE Level III: Pass (overall and in each component)
<b>Psychoanalytic Studies – research degrees</b>	7.0 overall (5.5 min component score)	100 (minimum scores of Listening 17, Reading 18, Writing 17 and Speaking 20)	65 overall score with minimum component scores: Listening - 51 Reading - 51 Writing – 51 Speaking - 51	A score of 185 overall on the Cambridge English Scale, with a minimum of 162 in each component.	ISE Level III: Pass (overall and in each component)

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<b>Psychology</b>	7.0 overall (5.5 min component score)	100 (minimum scores of Listening 17, Reading 18, Writing 17 and Speaking 20)	65 overall score with minimum component scores: Listening - 51 Reading - 51 Writing - 51 Speaking - 51	A score of 185 overall on the Cambridge English Scale, with a minimum of 162 in each component.	ISE Level III: Pass (overall and in each component)
<b>Sociology (Pre-sessional courses: please see Note 2)</b>	6.5 overall (6.0 minimum component score)	88 (minimum scores of Listening 24, Reading 24, Writing 24 and Speaking 24)	60 overall with minimum component scores: Listening - 55 Reading - 55 Writing - 55 Speaking - 55	A score of 176 overall on the Cambridge English Scale, with a minimum of 169 in each component.	ISE Level III: Pass (overall and in each component)

## NOTES

1/ For Cambridge English: Proficiency (CPE) and Cambridge Advanced English (CAE), requirements shown are for tests taken from January 2015. If your test was taken before January 2015, please contact us for requirements.

2/ For students studying in the departments of

**Essex Business School** (only for MSc Marketing and Brand Management, MSc Marketing Management, MSc International Management, MSc Management and MSc Human Resource Management).

## Language and Linguistics

### Sociology

Progression via the pre-sessional route is only available through the appropriate 10 or 15 weeks pre-sessional Academic, Language and Study Skills Programme (PALSS). Progression via the pre-sessional route is not available through the Pre-sessional English Language Programme (PEL) route. Pre-sessional English is not offered to students who will be starting the PgDip Chinese-English Translation and Interpreting, the MA Chinese-English Translation and Interpreting, or the MA Business Translation and Interpreting (Chinese-English).

3/ Following guidance from the UK Home Office, the University no longer accepts TOEFL iBT as an English language test, wherever a student will require a Tier 4 student visa. We will continue to accept TOEFL iBT for EU students and for any other students who will not require a Tier 4 student visa.

### Exemptions

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

<p>(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):</p> <p>Antigua and Barbuda Australia The Bahamas Barbados Belize Dominica Grenada Guyana Ireland Jamaica New Zealand St Kitts and Nevis St Lucia St Vincent and the Grenadines Trinidad and Tobago United Kingdom United States of America</p>	<p>(2) Students who are nationals of one of the following countries ('majority English-speaking' countries):</p> <p>Antigua and Barbuda Australia The Bahamas Barbados Belize Canada Dominica Grenada Guyana Jamaica New Zealand St Kitts and Nevis St Lucia St Vincent and the Grenadines Trinidad and Tobago United States of America</p>
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