

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 Postgraduate 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.

Your offer may include an English language requirement if your previous English language test was obtained more than five years before your course start date. This is in line with University policy. If you are unsure why your offer specifies an additional English language test, please contact the Postgraduate Admissions Office and we can clarify this.

You may be able to meet your English language requirement by taking a pre-sessional English pathway. These courses are delivered by the University of Essex International College.

Please see the information here: <https://www.essex.ac.uk/international/pre-sessional>

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.

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

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Department and Award	Course	English Language Requirements Group
Computer Science and Electronic Engineering	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	Applied Physics	Group 1
MPhil	Computational Finance	Group 1
PhD	Computer Science	Group 1
	Computing and Electronic Systems	Group 1
	Electronic Systems Engineering	Group 1
Integrated PhD (with Research and Communication Skills)	Computer Science	Group 13
	Electronic Systems Engineering	Group 13

Department and Award	Course	English Language Requirements Group
East 15 Acting School	Acting	Group 1
Taught Courses:	Acting (International)	Group 1
	Acting for Digital Media	Group 1
	Advanced Professional Theatre Practice	Group 1
	Theatre Directing	Group 1
Research Courses:		
PhD	Drama and Performance	Group 9
	Drama and Performance (Practice as Research)	Group 9

Department and Award	Course	English Language Requirements Group
Essex Business School 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 Global Training	Group 3
	Finance and Investment	Group 3
	Finance and 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 Accounting and Banking	Group 3
	International Business and Entrepreneurship	Group 3
	International Logistics and Supply Chain Management	Group 3
	International Marketing and Entrepreneurship	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	
Research Courses: PhD MPhD		Group 3
	Accounting	
	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
Integrated PhD (with Research and Communication Skills)		Group 13
	Accounting and Finance	
	Management	Group 13

Department and Award	Course	English Language Requirements Group
Economics (and Institute for Social and Economic Research) Taught Courses: MA MSc MRes Graduate Diploma	Applied Economics and Data Analysis	Group 1
	Behavioural 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 Analysis	Group 1
	Economics with Public Policy	Group 1
	Financial and Business Economics	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
	International Economics	Group 1
	Management Economics	Group 1
	Money and Banking	Group 1
Quantitative International Development	Group 1	
Research Courses:		
PhD MPhil	Applied Social and Economic Research	Group 3
	Economics	Group 3
	Health Research	Group 3
	Survey Methodology	Group 3

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Edge Hotel School		
Taught Courses: MSc	International Hospitality Management	Group 2

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Government Taught Courses: 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 Psychology	Group 3
	Political Science	Group 3
	Political Theory	Group 3
	Politics	Group 3
	Politics, Communications and Data Analytics	Group 3
	Public Opinion and Political Behaviour	Group 3
	Social Data Science	Group 3
United States Politics	Group 3	
Research Courses: PhD MPhil	Government	Group 3

Department and Award	Course	English Language Requirements Group
Health and Social Care 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
	Doctorate in Clinical Psychology	Group 11
	Health and Organisational Research	Group 3
	Health Studies	Group 3
	Nursing Studies	Group 3
	Occupational Therapy	Group 3
	Public Health	Group 3
	Social Policy	Group 3
	Social Work	Group 3
Integrated PhD (with Research and Communication Skills)	Health Studies	Group 13
	Nursing Studies	Group 13

Department and Award	Course	English Language Requirements Group
Languages and Linguistics Taught Courses: MA MRes Postgraduate Diploma	Advanced Interpreting with Specialised Translation (Chinese-English)	Group 5
	Analysing Language Use	Group 4
	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
	Experimental Linguistics	Group 4
	Linguistic Studies	Group 4
	Linguistics	Group 4
	Psycholinguistics	Group 4
	Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)	Group 4
	Translation and Professional Practice	Group 5
	Translation and Professional Practice (Chinese-English)	Group 5
	Research Courses: PhD	Translation, Interpreting and Subtitling
Analysing Language Use		Group 8
Applied Linguistics		Group 8
Experimental Linguistics		Group 8
Language Teaching		Group 8
Linguistics		Group 8
Psycholinguistics		Group 8
Sociolinguistics		Group 8
Integrated PhD (with Research and Communication Skills)	Translation Studies (Translation, Interpreting and Subtitling)	Group 8
	English Language Teaching	Group 1
Linguistics	Group 1	

Department and Award	Course	English Language Requirements Group
Law Taught Courses: LLM MA	Corporate Responsibility and Business Law	Group 4
	Economics, Social and Cultural Rights	Group 4
	Environment and Sustainability	Group 4
	International Commercial and Business Law	Group 4
	International Human Rights Law	Group 4
	International Human Rights Law (Economic Relations)	Group 4
	International Humanitarian Law	Group 4
	International Law	Group 4
	International Trade and Maritime Law	Group 4
	International Trade Law	Group 4
	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
Integrated PhD (with Research and Communication Skills)	Law	Group 13

Department and Award	Course	English Language Requirements Group
Life Sciences 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
	Molecular Medicine: Medical Microbiology	Group 3
	Plant Biology	Group 3
Tropical Marine Biology	Group 3	
Integrated PhD (with Research and Communication Skills)	Biological Sciences	Group 13

Department and Award	Course	English Language Requirements Group
Literature, Film, and Theatre Studies 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
	Scripting (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
Integrated PhD (with Research and Communication Skills)	Film Studies	Group 1
	Literature	Group 1

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Mathematical Sciences Taught Courses: MSc Graduate Diploma	Applied Data Science	Group 1
	Data Science	Group 1
	Data Science and Its Applications	Group 1
	Mathematics	Group 1
Research Courses: MSD MPhil PhD	Actuarial Science	Group 1
	Applied Mathematics	Group 1
	Bioinformatics	Group 1
	Biostatistics	Group 1
	Data Science	Group 1
	Mathematical Biology	Group 1
	Mathematics	Group 1
	Operational Research	Group 1
	Pure Mathematics	Group 1
Statistics	Group 1	

Department and Award	Course	English Language Requirements Group
Philosophical, Historical and Interdisciplinary Studies 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 4
	Research Courses: MAD MPhil PhD	Art History and Theory
	Curating	Group 7
	History	Group 7
	Philosophy	Group 7

Department and Award	Course	English Language Requirements Group
Psychology Taught Courses: MSc	Cognitive Neuroscience and Neuropsychology	Group 7
	Psychology	Group 7
	Research Methods in Psychology	Group 7
	Research Courses: MSD MPhil PhD	Psychology
	Psychology with Cognitive Neuroscience and Neuropsychology	Group 7
Integrated PhD (with Research and Communication Skills)	Psychology	Group 1

Department and Award	Course	English Language Requirements Group	
Psychosocial and Psychoanalytic Studies 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	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	

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Sociology 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

Department and Award	Course	English Language Requirements Group
Sport, Rehabilitation and Exercise Sciences Taught Courses: Postgraduate Certificate Postgraduate Diploma MSc	Advanced Musculoskeletal Assessment and Practice	Group 3
	Coaching Science	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
	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	

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<p>TOEFL iBT, TOEFL MyBest, TOEFL Special Home Edition</p>	<p>76 overall with minimum component scores:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Listening: 17 Reading: 18 Writing: 17 Speaking: 20</p>
<p>Pearson Test of English (PTE)</p> <p style="color: red;">Not including PTE Academic Online</p>	<p>50 overall with minimum component scores:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Listening: 42 Reading: 42 Writing: 42 Speaking: 42</p>
<p>Cambridge Advanced English (CAE) and Cambridge Proficiency English (CPE)</p>	<p>169 overall with minimum component scores:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Listening: 162 Reading: 162 Writing: 162 Speaking: 162</p>
<p>Kaplan International Tools for English (KITE)</p>	<p>426 overall with minimum component scores:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Listening: 396 Reading: 396 Writing: 396 Speaking: 396</p>
<p>Trinity College London Integrated Skills in English Level III (ISE III C1)</p>	<p>Pass overall and Pass in each component</p>
<p>Michigan Examination for the Certificate of Proficiency in English (ECPE)</p>	<p>Pass overall with in minimum component scores:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Listening: 750 Reading: 750 Writing: 750 Speaking: 750</p>
<p>Oxford International Digital Institute Online Pre-Sessional English (OPSE) and Oxford International Digital Institute English Language Level Test (ELLT)</p>	<p>B2+ or 6 overall with minimum component scores:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Listening: B2 or 5 Reading: B2 or 5 Writing: B2 or 5 Speaking: B2 or 5</p>
<p>Skills for English B2</p>	<p>Pass with Merit overall</p>

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<p>Academic IELTS (including UKVI IELTS, non-UKVI IELTS, and IELTS Indicator) and British Academic Centre International English Test (BACIET)</p>	<p>6.0 overall with minimum component scores:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Listening: 5.5 Reading: 5.5 Writing: 6.0 Speaking: 5.5</p>
<p>TOEFL iBT, TOEFL MyBest, TOEFL Special Home Edition</p>	<p>76 overall with minimum component scores:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Listening: 17 Reading: 18 Writing: 24 Speaking: 20</p>
<p>Pearson Test of English (PTE)</p> <p style="color: red;">Not including PTE Academic Online</p>	<p>50 overall with minimum component scores:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Listening: 42 Reading: 42 Writing: 50 Speaking: 42</p>
<p>Cambridge Advanced English (CAE) and Cambridge Proficiency English (CPE)</p>	<p>169 overall with minimum component scores:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Listening: 162 Reading: 162 Writing: 169 Speaking: 162</p>
<p>Kaplan International Tools for English (KITE)</p>	<p>426 overall with minimum component scores:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Listening: 396 Reading: 396 Writing: 426 Speaking: 396</p>
<p>Trinity College London Integrated Skills in English Level III (ISE III C1)</p>	<p>Pass overall and Pass in each component</p>
<p>Michigan Examination for the Certificate of Proficiency in English (ECPE)</p>	<p>Pass overall with in minimum component scores:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Listening: 750 Reading: 750 Writing: 750 Speaking: 750</p>
<p>Oxford International Digital Institute Online Pre-Sessional English (OPSE) and Oxford International Digital Institute English Language Level Test (ELLT)</p>	<p>B2+ or 6 overall with minimum component scores:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Listening: B2 or 5 Reading: B2 or 5 Writing: B2+ or 6 Speaking: B2 or 5</p>
<p>Skills for English B2</p>	<p>Pass with Merit overall</p>

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<p>Academic IELTS (including UKVI IELTS, non-UKVI IELTS, and IELTS Indicator) and British Academic Centre International English Test (BACIET)</p>	<p>6.5 overall with minimum component scores:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Listening: 5.5 Reading: 5.5 Writing: 5.5 Speaking: 5.5</p>
<p>TOEFL iBT, TOEFL MyBest, TOEFL Special Home Edition</p>	<p>88 overall with minimum component scores:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Listening: 17 Reading: 18 Writing: 17 Speaking: 20</p>
<p>Pearson Test of English (PTE)</p> <p style="color: red;">Not including PTE Academic Online</p>	<p>58 overall with minimum component scores:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Listening: 42 Reading: 42 Writing: 42 Speaking: 42</p>
<p>Cambridge Advanced English (CAE) and Cambridge Proficiency English (CPE)</p>	<p>176 overall with minimum component scores:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Listening: 162 Reading: 162 Writing: 162 Speaking: 162</p>
<p>Kaplan International Tools for English (KITE)</p>	<p>459 overall with minimum component scores:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Listening: 396 Reading: 396 Writing: 396 Speaking: 396</p>
<p>Trinity College London Integrated Skills in English Level III (ISE III C1)</p>	<p>Pass overall and Pass in each component</p>
<p>Michigan Examination for the Certificate of Proficiency in English (ECPE)</p>	<p>Pass overall with in minimum component scores:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Listening: 795 Reading: 795 Writing: 795 Speaking: 795</p>
<p>Oxford International Digital Institute Online Pre-Sessional English (OPSE) and Oxford International Digital Institute English Language Level Test (ELLT)</p>	<p>C1 or 7 overall with minimum component scores:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Listening: B2 or 5 Reading: B2 or 5 Writing: B2 or 5 Speaking: B2 or 5</p>
<p>Skills for English B2</p>	<p>Pass with Merit overall</p>

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<p>Academic IELTS (including UKVI IELTS, non-UKVI IELTS, and IELTS Indicator) and British Academic Centre International English Test (BACIET)</p>	<p>6.5 overall with minimum component scores:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Listening: 5.5 Reading: 5.5 Writing: 6.0 Speaking: 5.5</p>
<p>TOEFL iBT, TOEFL MyBest, TOEFL Special Home Edition</p>	<p>88 overall with minimum component scores:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Listening: 17 Reading: 18 Writing: 24 Speaking: 20</p>
<p>Pearson Test of English (PTE)</p> <p style="color: red;">Not including PTE Academic Online</p>	<p>58 overall with minimum component scores:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Listening: 42 Reading: 42 Writing: 50 Speaking: 42</p>
<p>Cambridge Advanced English (CAE) and Cambridge Proficiency English (CPE)</p>	<p>176 overall with minimum component scores:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Listening: 162 Reading: 162 Writing: 169 Speaking: 162</p>
<p>Kaplan International Tools for English (KITE)</p>	<p>459 overall with minimum component scores:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Listening: 396 Reading: 396 Writing: 426 Speaking: 396</p>
<p>Trinity College London Integrated Skills in English Level III (ISE III C1)</p>	<p>Pass overall and Pass in each component</p>
<p>Michigan Examination for the Certificate of Proficiency in English (ECPE)</p>	<p>Pass overall with in minimum component scores:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Listening: 750 Reading: 750 Writing: 750 Speaking: 750</p>
<p>Oxford International Digital Institute Online Pre-Sessional English (OPSE) and Oxford International Digital Institute English Language Level Test (ELLT)</p>	<p>C1 or 7 overall with minimum component scores:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Listening: B2 or 5 Reading: B2 or 5 Writing: B2+ or 6 Speaking: B2 or 5</p>
<p>Skills for English B2</p>	<p>Pass with Merit overall</p>

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Academic IELTS (including UKVI IELTS, non-UKVI IELTS, and IELTS Indicator) and British Academic Centre International English Test (BACIET)	<p>6.5 overall with minimum component scores:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Listening: 6.0 Reading: 6.0 Writing: 6.0 Speaking: 6.0</p>
TOEFL iBT, TOEFL MyBest, TOEFL Special Home Edition	<p>88 overall with minimum component scores:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Listening: 24 Reading: 24 Writing: 24 Speaking: 24</p>
<p>Pearson Test of English (PTE)</p> <p style="color: red;">Not including PTE Academic Online</p>	<p>58 overall with minimum component scores:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Listening: 50 Reading: 50 Writing: 50 Speaking: 50</p>
Cambridge Advanced English (CAE) and Cambridge Proficiency English (CPE)	<p>176 overall with minimum component scores:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Listening: 169 Reading: 169 Writing: 169 Speaking: 169</p>
Kaplan International Tools for English (KITE)	<p>459 overall with minimum component scores:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Listening: 426 Reading: 426 Writing: 426 Speaking: 426</p>
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)	<p>Pass overall with in minimum component scores:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Listening: 795 Reading: 795 Writing: 795 Speaking: 795</p>
Oxford International Digital Institute Online Pre-Sessional English (OPSE) and Oxford International Digital Institute English Language Level Test (ELLT)	<p>C1 or 7 overall with minimum component scores:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Listening: B2+ or 6 Reading: B2+ or 6 Writing: B2+ or 6 Speaking: B2+ or 6</p>
Skills for English B2	Pass with Merit overall

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Academic IELTS (including UKVI IELTS, non-UKVI IELTS, and IELTS Indicator) and British Academic Centre International English Test (BACIET)	<p>6.5 overall with minimum component scores:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Listening: 5.5 Reading: 5.5 Writing: 6.5 Speaking: 5.5</p>
TOEFL iBT, TOEFL MyBest, TOEFL Special Home Edition	<p>88 overall with minimum component scores:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Listening: 17 Reading: 18 Writing: 26 Speaking: 20</p>
<p>Pearson Test of English (PTE)</p> <p style="color: red;">Not including PTE Academic Online</p>	<p>58 overall with minimum component scores:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Listening: 42 Reading: 42 Writing: 58 Speaking: 42</p>
Cambridge Advanced English (CAE) and Cambridge Proficiency English (CPE)	<p>176 overall with minimum component scores:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Listening: 162 Reading: 162 Writing: 176 Speaking: 162</p>
Kaplan International Tools for English (KITE)	<p>459 overall with minimum component scores:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Listening: 396 Reading: 396 Writing: 459 Speaking: 396</p>
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)	<p>Pass overall with in minimum component scores:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Listening: 795 Reading: 795 Writing: 795 Speaking: 795</p>
Oxford International Digital Institute Online Pre-Sessional English (OPSE) and Oxford International Digital Institute English Language Level Test (ELLT)	<p>C1 or 7 overall with minimum component scores:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Listening: B2 or 5 Reading: B2 or 5 Writing: C1 or 7 Speaking: B2 or 5</p>
Skills for English B2	Pass with Merit overall

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Academic IELTS (including UKVI IELTS, non-UKVI IELTS, and IELTS Indicator) and 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	100 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 17 Reading: 18 Writing: 17 Speaking: 20
Pearson Test of English (PTE) Not including PTE Academic Online	65 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 42 Reading: 42 Writing: 42 Speaking: 42
Cambridge Advanced English (CAE) and Cambridge Proficiency English (CPE)	185 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 162 Reading: 162 Writing: 162 Speaking: 162
Kaplan International Tools for English (KITE)	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) and 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 C1	Pass overall

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Group 8

Academic IELTS (including UKVI IELTS, non-UKVI IELTS, and IELTS Indicator) and British Academic Centre International English Test (BACIET)	<p>7.0 overall with minimum component scores:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Listening: 5.5 Reading: 5.5 Writing: 6.0 Speaking: 5.5</p>
TOEFL iBT, TOEFL MyBest, TOEFL Special Home Edition	<p>100 overall with minimum component scores:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Listening: 17 Reading: 18 Writing: 24 Speaking: 20</p>
<p>Pearson Test of English (PTE)</p> <p style="color: red;">Not including PTE Academic Online</p>	<p>65 overall with minimum component scores:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Listening: 42 Reading: 42 Writing: 50 Speaking: 42</p>
Cambridge Advanced English (CAE) and Cambridge Proficiency English (CPE)	<p>185 overall with minimum component scores:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Listening: 162 Reading: 162 Writing: 169 Speaking: 162</p>
Kaplan International Tools for English (KITE)	<p>495 overall with minimum component scores:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Listening: 396 Reading: 396 Writing: 426 Speaking: 396</p>
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)	<p>Pass overall with in minimum component scores:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Listening: 840 Reading: 840 Writing: 840 Speaking: 840</p>
Oxford International Digital Institute Online Pre-Sessional English (OPSE) and Oxford International Digital Institute English Language Level Test (ELLT)	<p>C1+ or 8 overall with minimum component scores:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Listening: B2 or 5 Reading: B2 or 5 Writing: B2+ or 6 Speaking: B2 or 5</p>
Skills for English C1	Pass overall

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Group 9	
Academic IELTS (including UKVI IELTS, non-UKVI IELTS, and IELTS Indicator) and 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	100 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 17 Reading: 18 Writing: 26 Speaking: 20
Pearson Test of English (PTE) <i>Not including PTE Academic Online</i>	65 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 42 Reading: 42 Writing: 58 Speaking: 42
Cambridge Advanced English (CAE) and Cambridge Proficiency English (CPE)	185 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 162 Reading: 162 Writing: 176 Speaking: 162
Kaplan International Tools for English (KITE)	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) and 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 C1	Pass overall

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Group 10	
Academic IELTS (including UKVI IELTS, non-UKVI IELTS, and IELTS Indicator) and 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	100 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 25 Reading: 25 Writing: 26 Speaking: 25
Pearson Test of English (PTE) <i>Not including PTE Academic Online</i>	65 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 58 Reading: 58 Writing: 58 Speaking: 58
Cambridge Advanced English (CAE) and Cambridge Proficiency English (CPE)	Not applicable
Kaplan International Tools for English (KITE)	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) and 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 C1	Pass overall

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Group 11

Academic IELTS (including UKVI IELTS, non-UKVI IELTS, and IELTS Indicator) and 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	100 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 26 Reading: 26 Writing: 28 Speaking: 26
Pearson Test of English (PTE) Not including PTE Academic Online	65 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 65 Reading: 65 Writing: 65 Speaking: 65
Cambridge Advanced English (CAE) and Cambridge Proficiency English (CPE)	Not applicable
Kaplan International Tools for English (KITE)	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) and 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 C1	Pass overall

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Group 12

<p style="text-align: center;">Academic IELTS (including UKVI IELTS, non-UKVI IELTS, and IELTS Indicator) and British Academic Centre International English Test (BACIET)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">8.0 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 7.5 Reading: 7.5 Writing: 7.5 Speaking: 7.5</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">TOEFL iBT, TOEFL MyBest, TOEFL Special Home Edition</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">114 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 27 Reading: 27 Writing: 29 Speaking: 27</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Pearson Test of English (PTE) <i>Not including PTE Academic Online</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">79 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: 73 Reading: 73 Writing: 73 Speaking: 73</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Cambridge Advanced English (CAE) and Cambridge Proficiency English (CPE)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Not applicable</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Kaplan International Tools for English (KITE)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Not applicable</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Trinity College London Integrated Skills in English Level III (ISE III C1)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Not applicable</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Michigan Examination for the Certificate of Proficiency in English (ECPE)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Not applicable</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Oxford International Digital Institute Online Pre-Sessional English (OPSE) and Oxford International Digital Institute English Language Level Test (ELLT)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Not applicable</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Skills for English C1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Pass overall</p>

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Group 13

<p>Academic IELTS (including UKVI IELTS, non-UKVI IELTS, and IELTS Indicator) and British Academic Centre International English Test (BACIET)</p>	<p>5.5 overall with minimum component scores:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Listening: 5.5 Reading: 5.5 Writing: 5.5 Speaking: 5.5</p>
<p>TOEFL iBT, TOEFL MyBest, TOEFL Special Home Edition</p>	<p>72 overall with minimum component scores:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Listening: 17 Reading: 18 Writing: 17 Speaking: 20</p>
<p>Pearson Test of English (PTE) <i>Not including PTE Academic Online</i></p>	<p>42 overall with minimum component scores:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Listening: 42 Reading: 42 Writing: 42 Speaking: 42</p>
<p>Cambridge Advanced English (CAE) and Cambridge Proficiency English (CPE)</p>	<p>162 overall with minimum component scores:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Listening: 162 Reading: 162 Writing: 162 Speaking: 162</p>
<p>Kaplan International Tools for English (KITE)</p>	<p>396 overall with minimum component scores:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Listening: 396 Reading: 396 Writing: 396 Speaking: 396</p>
<p>Trinity College London Integrated Skills in English Level III (ISE III C1)</p>	<p>Pass overall and Pass in each component</p>
<p>Michigan Examination for the Certificate of Proficiency in English (ECPE)</p>	<p>Pass overall with in minimum component scores:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Listening: 750 Reading: 750 Writing: 750 Speaking: 750</p>
<p>Oxford International Digital Institute Online Pre-Sessional English (OPSE) and Oxford International Digital Institute English Language Level Test (ELLT)</p>	<p>B2 or 5 overall with minimum component scores:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Listening: B2 or 5 Reading: B2 or 5 Writing: B2 or 5 Speaking: B2 or 5</p>
<p>Skills for English B2</p>	<p>Pass with Merit overall</p>

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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 have graduated no more than five 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).