**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

https://www1.essex.ac.uk/pathways/study/pre-sessional/

Our Essex Pathways 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 are able to offer you a later start date for your main course, we will ask you for an alternative proof of your English language proficiency.

**Students requiring a Tier 4 UK student visa**

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 normally use your most recent test to determine your level of English proficiency, and (if applicable) 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://www1.essex.ac.uk/immigration/studies/english.aspx
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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, it will not normally still be valid for entry.

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)
   - Sociology
   - Language and Linguistics

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 (either via the PALSS or the PEL route is not offered to Language and Linguistics students taking the PgDip Chinese-English Translation and Interpreting, the MA Chinese-English Translation and Interpreting, or the MA Business Translation and Interpreting (Chinese-English).
**Exemptions**

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

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):
   - 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

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
   - New Zealand
   - St Kitts and Nevis
   - St Lucia
   - St Vincent and the Grenadines
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   - United States of America

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