

## 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 three 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 pathway. These courses will be delivered by the University of Essex International College from early 2019. 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 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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<b>Art History Taught courses</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 courses</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 (Taught and Research)</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>Computational Finance &amp; Economic Agents (Taught and Research)</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>Computational Finance &amp; Economic Agents (Taught and Research)</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)
<b>Computer Science &amp; Electronic Engineering (Taught and Research)</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)
<b>East 15 (Taught courses)</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>Economics - Taught courses (except MSc Economics &amp; Econometrics, MRes Economics)</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)
<b>Economics – Research courses, 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)
<b>Essex Business School, Taught and Research (not MBA, or MSc Marketing and Brand Mngt, MSc Mngt, MSc Mngt (Intl/ Marketing/ Leadership), or MSc Human Resource Mngt.</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 (MBA)</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)
<b>Essex Business School</b>  <b>(MSc Marketing and Brand Mngt, MSc Mngt, MSc Mngt (Intl/ Marketing/ Leadership), and MSc Human Resource Mngt)</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)

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<b>Government (Taught and Research)</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>School of Health and Social Care (all programmes except MSc Nursing, MSc Speech and Language Therapy, MSc Occupational Therapy)</b> <b>(Taught and Research)</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>School of Health and Social Care: MSc Nursing (Adult/ Mental Health)</b> <b>See appendix 1 below</b>	7.0 overall (7.0 in all components, except 6.5 in writing)	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

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<b>School of Health and Social Care: MSc Occupational Therapy (Pre-registration)</b>	7.0 overall (6.5 component score)	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<b>School of Health and Social Care: MSc Speech and Language Therapy (Pre-registration)</b>	8.0 overall (7.5 component score)	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<b>History (Taught and Research)</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 – 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>Human Rights – research courses</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)
<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)



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<b>Language &amp; Linguistics Taught courses (not MA Translation &amp; Literature, or MA Conference Interpreting and Translation (Chinese-English), or MA Advanced Interpreting with Specialised Translation (Chinese-English), or MA Chinese-English Translation and Professional Practice, or MA Translation &amp; Professional Practice, MA Translation &amp; Professional Practice with Professional Placement, MA Translation, Interpreting and Subtitling)</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)

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<b>Language &amp; Linguistics</b> <b>MA Translation &amp; Literature, MA Conference Interpreting and Translation (Chinese-English), MA Advanced Interpreting with Specialised Translation, MA Translation &amp; Professional Practice, MA Translation &amp; Professional Practice with Professional Placement, MA Translation, Interpreting and Subtitling</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)

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<b>Language &amp; Linguistics MA Chinese-English Translation and Professional Practice</b>	6.5 overall (6.0 minimum component score in all components, except 6.5 in writing)	88 (minimum scores of Listening 24, Reading 24, Writing 26 and Speaking 24)	60 overall with minimum component scores: Listening - 55 Reading - 55 Writing - 60 Speaking - 55	A score of 176 overall on the Cambridge English Scale, with a minimum of 169 in each component, except 176 in writing.	ISE Level III: Pass (overall and in each component)
<b>Language &amp; Linguistics Research courses</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)
<b>Law 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 courses</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 (Taught and Research)</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 (Taught and Research)</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 (Taught and Research)</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>Psychosocial and 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>Psychosocial and Psychoanalytic Studies – research courses</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 (Taught and Research)</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>School of Sport, Rehabilitation and Exercise Sciences: research courses, and MSc Sport and Exercise Science</b>	6.5 overall (5.5 minimum 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>School of Sport, Rehabilitation and Exercise Sciences: MSc Physiotherapy (pre-registration) only</b>	7.0 overall (6.5 minimum component score)	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

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<b>Sociology (Taught and Research)</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)

**Appendix 1: MSc Nursing (Adult/ Mental Health)**

OET English at grade B overall (with B in each component) is also acceptable for entry to these programmes.

## Appendix 2: 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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