

English Language Requirements

English language proficiency is a vital skill whilst undertaking a research degree, applicants are therefore expected to provide evidence of their proficiency in English by way of an approved test. A list of acceptable tests for UK/EU students as well as those acceptable for Overseas Students, are detailed below:

UK/EU Students

- GCSE/IGCSE English Language
Pass at Grade C
- Irish Leaving Certificate English
Grade C
- Scottish Higher or Standard Grade English
Grade C
- IELTS Academic
Overall grade 6.0, with a minimum of 5.5 in each component
- Cambridge English Certificates
 - Preliminary** - Pass with distinction and Exceptional in all 4 components
 - First** - Pass at Grade B OR Pass at Grade C plus Borderline in all 4 components
 - Advanced** - Pass at Level B2 and Weak in all 4 components
 - Business** – Pass with Distinction and Exceptional in all 4 components
 - Business Vantage** – Pass at Grade B OR Pass at Grade C plus Borderline in all 4 components
 - Business Higher** – Pass at Level B2 and Weak in all 4 components
 - Legal** – Pass at B2 and Borderline in all 4 components
 - Financial** – Pass at B2 and Borderline in all 4 components
- City & Guilds (Pitman Examination in International ESOL)
Pass at Mastery level when achieved with a pass at Mastery level in the Pitman International Spoken (ISESOL) test.
- IGCSE English as a Second Language, Syllabus 0510
Pass at Grade C
- International Baccalaureate (IB)
IB Standard or Higher Level English – Grade 4
- Pearson Test of English (Academic)
61 or above with a minimum of 51 in each of the 4 components

- European School Leaving/Matriculation Certificates

Austria - In the Matura/Reifeprüfung, 2 (gut) in English when both written and oral examinations have been taken.

Belgium - In the Diploma van Secundair or the Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire Supérieur, the equivalent of 8/80%/grote onderscheiding/avec grande distinction in English.

Denmark - In the Studentereksamen, 10 in English.
European Baccalaureate – Grade 6.5 in English

Finland - In the Ylioppilastutkinto/Studentexamen matriculation examination, 5 (magna cum laude approbatur) in English.

France - In the Baccalaureat l'option international, Grade 11 in English

Germany - In the Abitur, 11 in English

Iceland - In the Studentsprof matriculation examination, 8 in English when taken as a compulsory modern language.

Luxembourg - In the Examen de Fin d'Etudes Secondaires, 45 (bien) in English.

The Netherlands - In the Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs (VWO) diploma, 7 (ruim voldoende) in English.

Norway - In the Vitnemal - Grade 4 in English.

Sweden - In the Avgangsbetyg, VG (val godkant) in English.

Switzerland - In the Maturitätzeugnis/Certificat de Maturité/Attestato de Maturità federal maturity certificate or the federally-recognised cantonal maturity certificate, 5 (gut/bien/bene) in English.

- Pearson Test of English (Academic)

61 or above with a minimum of 51 in each of the 4 components

Overseas Students

Non UK/EU students who intend to study on a Tier 4 visa must have a UK Home Office approved test. As of 06 April 2015 the only accepted test providers are:

- [IELTS](#) - Applicants must have IELTS (Academic) awarded with an overall grade of 6.0, and no individual component less than 5.5;
- [Trinity College London](#) - Applicants must have Integrated Skills with English, awarded with level B2 or above.