

English entry requirements for international students

Students from outside the United Kingdom must give evidence of their English language ability in all four skills of reading, writing, listening and speaking. English language qualifications (IELTS, PTE, CAE, CPE, BPP ELT) must be obtained no earlier than two years before commencement of study at the University. There are a number of ways that applicants can provide evidence of their English language capabilities, as outlined below:

1. If you are a national of a majority English speaking country
2. If you have a degree taught in a majority English speaking country you will not be required to take a Secure English Language Test (excluding Canada Quebec Province)
3. If you have successfully completed a BPP Pre-sessional English course to the correct level for your programme of study
4. If you have achieved one of the English language qualifications listed below in Table 1

Majority English speaking countries are defined as follows: Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Canada, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Ireland, Jamaica, New Zealand, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom and USA.

Some programmes will have higher English language entry requirements than stipulated above due to professional body regulations. For a detailed list of English language qualifications accepted from other countries, please see Table 2. For students who do not meet our English language requirements, we offer Pre-Sessional English courses. Please contact us for further information.

BPP English Language Test (BPP ELT)

You are eligible to sit BPP's ELT under the following conditions:

1. You hold an offer to study at BPP subject to meeting the English language requirement.
2. You hold one of the qualifications listed in Table 1, but not at the required level.
3. You have been taught and assessed in the English language for at least one full-time year or equivalent of post 18 education. Please note that you must have successfully completed this year of Education in order for this to be considered.
4. You have not recently sat the BPP ELT.
5. You will be permitted to sit a maximum of three attempts at the test. After which, we will recommend you participate in an English language course of study prior to sitting the test again for a minimum of two months.
6. You can only re-sit a BPP ELT if you are 0.5 below the required minimum score in any one component, if you do not achieve the required scores you will need to participate in further English Language study.

Table 1

Approved English language tests for international applicants.

Business school			
		BSc Business Management BSc Banking and Finance BSc Accounting and Finance Advanced Diploma in Accounting (ACCA route) MSc Accounting and Finance (ADAF route)	MSc Management (all variants) MSc Accounting & Finance MSc Accounting & Finance [Top-Up] MBA PgCert Management ACCA Professional Exams
English language qualification accepted	IELTS Academic	6.0 overall with a minimum of 5.5 in each component	6.5 overall with a minimum of 6.0 in each component
	BPP ELT	6.0 overall with a minimum of 5.5 in each component	6.5 overall with a minimum of 6.0 in each component
	Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English	169 overall with a minimum of 160 in each component	176 overall with a minimum of 169 in each skill
	Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English		
	IGCSE English as a first language	C	C
	Cambridge GCE O level (English)		
	Cambridge GCE A level (English)		
	International Baccalaureate (standard/higher) - English	4	4
	PTE Academic	50 overall with a minimum of 42 in each component	58 overall with a minimum of 50 in each component
TOEFL	60 - 78 overall with a minimum of 46 in each component	79 - 93 overall with a minimum of 60 in each component	

Law school			
		LLM, LLM [Law Conversion] - GDL LLM Legal Practice [Solicitors] - LPC	BPTC* LLM Legal Practice [Barristers] - BPTC
English language qualification accepted	IELTS Academic	6.5 overall with a minimum of 6.0 in each component	7.5 with a minimum of 7.5 in each component
	BPP ELT	6.5 overall with a minimum of 6.0 in each component	
	Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English	176 overall with a minimum of 160 in each skill	
	Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English		
	IGCSE English as a first language	C	
	Cambridge GCE O level (English)		
	Cambridge GCE A level (English)		
	International Baccalaureate (standard/higher) - English	4	73 overall with a minimum score of 73 in each part of the Pearson Test of English (academic)
	PTE Academic	58 overall with a minimum of 50 in each component	
TOEFL	79 - 93 overall with a minimum of 60 in each component		

*Students predicted a 2.1 or 1st class degree, who consider that they may exceed the language requirement, may request a Skype interview with one of the Directors of BPTC Programmes or their nominee who may waive the requirement for a certificate on registration.

Health school

		Higher Education Certificate in Health and Social Care BSc (Hons) Healthcare Practice [Diploma to Degree] MChiro MClin Dent MSc Health Psychology, MSc Occupational Psychology, MSc Psychology (Conversion) MSc In Healthcare Leadership, MSc Dementia	Pre-Reg Nursing degree
English language qualification accepted	IELTS Academic	6.5 overall with a minimum of 6.0 in each component	7.0 with a minimum of 7.0 in each component
	BPP ELT	6.5 overall with a minimum of 6.0 in each component	
	Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English	176 overall with a minimum of 160 in each skill	
	Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English		
	IGCSE English as a first language		
	Cambridge GCE O level (English)	C	
	Cambridge GCE A level (English)		
	International Baccalaureate (standard/higher) - English	4	
	PTE Academic	58 overall with a minimum of 50 in each component	
TOEFL	79 - 93 overall with a minimum of 60 in each component		

Table 2

Accepted English language qualifications by country (excluding the BPTC).

Country*	Qualification**			
	IELTs equivalency	5.5 in all components	6.0 with a minimum of 5.5 in each component	6.5 with a minimum of 6.0 in each component
Austria	Matura/Reifeprüfung (English language)	2 (gut)	2 (gut)	2 (gut)
		When both written and oral exams have been taken		
Belgium	English language subject	n/a	8/80% or grote avec grande distinction	8/80% or grote avec grande distinction
Botswana	Botswana GCSE (BGCSE), (English language)	C	C	C
Bulgaria	Secondary School Diploma (English language)	5	5	5
Cameroon	O level (English language, anglophone system)	C	C	C
Denmark	Studentereksamen (English language)	4/7	7	7
Finland	Ylioppilastutkintotodistus (English language)	4	5 (magna cum laude approbatur)	5 (magna cum laude approbatur)
France	French Baccalaureate (general) (English language)	14 (bien)	14 (bien)	14 (bien)
	Where the co-efficient applied to the subject is greater than 1			
	French Baccalaureate (OIB) (English Language)	12/20	12/20	12/20
Germany	Abitur (English language)	10	12 (gut)	12 (gut)
		When taken as an achievement/main/intensive course		
Ghana	WAEC/WASSCE (English language)	C6	C6	C5
	NECO/iGCSE (English language)	C	C	C
Hong Kong	A-Level Use of English	n/a	C	C
	HKCEE	n/a	Taken pre-2007 C	Taken pre-2007 C
	HKDSE - core English language (from 2012)	3	Taken post-2007 3	Taken post-2007 3
Iceland	Studentsprof (English language)	5 in the English component	8 when taken as a compulsory language	8 when taken as a compulsory language
India***	Standard XII ISC and CBSE Boards only Standard X ISC and CBSE Boards Only (English language)	45%	55%	65%
Kenya/East Africa	KCSE (English language)	C	C	C
Luxembourg	Diplome de Fin d'Etudes Secondaires (English language)	45 (bien)	45 (bien)	45 (bien)
Malaysia	UCLES 1119 Syllabus	6C or C	6C or C	4B or B

Country*	Qualification**			
	IELTs equivalency	5.5 in all components	6.0 with a minimum of 5.5 in each component	6.5 with a minimum of 6.0 in each component
Malta	Secondary Education Certificate Examination (SEC) (English language)	5	C/4	C/4
Mauritius	Mauritius Cambridge Overseas School Certificate (COSC) (English language)	C	C	C
Netherlands	VWO (English language)	8 (goed)	8 (goed)	8 (goed)
Nigeria/ West Africa	WAEC/WASSCE	C6	C6	C5
	NECO (English language)	C	C	C
Norway	Vitemal (English language)	4	5	5
Romania [Business school only]	Romanian Baccalaureate RB Assessment of English	B2 higher	B2 or higher	B2 or higher
Singapore	O-Level	C	C	C
	Secondary Four English language or Language Arts (for IP students)	C or CAP 2.0	C or CAP 2.0	C or CAP 2.0
South Africa	South African National Senior Certificate (SANS - 'matric') IEB or gov board (English language)	3 or C	5 or C	5 or C
Sweden	Slutbetyg fran Komvux (English language)	VG (val godkant)	VG (val godkant)	VG (val godkant)
Switzerland	Maturita (English language)	n/a	5 (gut/bien/bene)	5 (gut/bien/bene)
Tanzania	Secondary School Leaving Certificate or ACSE/National Form VI Examination (English language)	C	C	C
Zambia	School Certificate Exams (SCE) (English language)	C	C	C

*If the country is not listed, then please contact International Admissions to check for acceptance.

**Please also refer to the specific English Language entry requirements per programme as external bodies may only accept certain English Language qualifications

***Admissions Officers may deem the English language requirement to have been met for applicants to all programmes (except Professional Law Programmes) if the applicant:

1. Has been taught and assessed in the English language throughout their educational career, or
2. Has been taught and assessed in the English language for at least one full-time year or equivalent of post-18 education