



### English language requirements for incoming exchange students

If you wish to do a study exchange at Bournemouth University, regardless of the length of your exchange and programme of study, you will have to provide official evidence that your level of English language is sufficient to follow your course of study successfully.

**We can accept the following English language qualifications:**

- **IELTS Academic version 6.0 (with a minimum of 5.5 in all components), or**
- **TOEFL Internet-based 80 (with the following minimum scores: 17 in listening, 18 in reading, 20 in speaking and 17 in writing) .**

Both the IELTS and TOEFL qualifications need to have been obtained in the last two years.

For some courses, where communication is especially important, the grades required may be higher.

Please contact us if you are unsure about the English language requirements for a particular exchange programme.

#### Acceptable qualifications from school leaving certificates

We can also accept the following English language exams within School-leaving certificates:

#### EUROPEAN SCHOOL LEAVING/MATRICULATION CERTIFICATES

Students may be required to show evidence of more recent knowledge if their qualification is over two years old and they have not been in a situation in which they can keep abreast of the language. Admission tutors may request that additional tests are taken in some circumstances.

#### QUALIFICATION GRADE REQUIRED FOR EQUIVALENCE

QUALIFICATION	GRADE REQUIRED FOR EQUIVALENCE
Austrian qualifications MATURA/REIFEPRUFUNG	2 (gut) in English when both written and oral exams taken
Belgian qualifications GETUIGSCHRIFT VAN HOGER SECUNDAIR ONDERWIJS / CERTIFICAT D'ENSEIGNEMENT SECONDAIRE SUPERIEUR	8/80%/grote onderscheiding/grande distinction in English.
Danish qualifications STUDENTEREKSAMEN / HØJERE FORBEREDELSE-EKSAMEN	7 in English (levels A or B)
Finnish qualifications YLIPPILASTUTKINTO / STUDENTEXAMEN	matriculation exam - 5 (magna cum laude approbatur) in English

French qualifications	
BACCALAUREAT DE L'ENSEIGNEMENT DU SECOND DEGRE	14 (bien) in English, where the co-efficient applied to the subject is greater than 1.  (12 may be accepted in some circumstances).
BACCALAUREAT (INTERNATIONAL OPTION) (OIB)	12
German qualifications	
ABITUR	10 (gut) in English when taken as an achievement/main/intensive course
FACHHOCHSCHULREIFE	2 (gut) in English
Greek qualifications	As English is not compulsory in Greece, Greek applicants must submit IELTS, TOEFL or any of the other standard English language tests
Icelandic qualifications	8 in English when taken as a compulsory modern language
STUDENTSPROF MATRICULATION EXAM	
Italian qualifications	As English is not compulsory in Italy, Italian applicants must submit IELTS, TOEFL or any of the other standard English language tests
Luxembourg qualifications	
EXAMEN DE FIN D'ETUDES SECONDAIRES	40 (bien)
Dutch qualifications	
VOORBEREIDEND WETENSCHAPPELIJK ONDERWIJS (VWO) DIPLOMA	8 (goed) in English.
Norwegian qualifications	
VITNEMAL – VIDEREGAENDE OPPLAERING	4 in English
Polish qualifications	As English is not a standard subject in schools, applicants from Poland must submit IELTS, TOEFL or any of the other standard English language tests
Portuguese qualifications	As grading systems vary greatly in Portugal, applicants from Portugal must submit ELTS, TOEFL or any of the other standard English language tests
Romanian qualifications	As English is not a standard subject in schools, applicants from Romania must submit IELTS, TOEFL or any of the other standard English language tests
Spanish qualifications	As English is not a standard subject in schools, applicants from Spain must submit IELTS, TOEFL or any of the other standard English language tests

Swedish qualifications AVGANGSBETYG	VG (val godkant) in English.
Swiss qualifications MATURITATZEUGNIS / CERTIFICAT DE MATURITE / ATTESTATO DE MATURITA - Federal maturity certificate or the federally-recognised cantonal maturity certificate	5 (gut/bien/bene) in English

### ENGLISH-SPEAKING COUNTRIES SCHOOL CERTIFICATES

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Brunei	English 1120 (Cambridge English Language O level) grades 1-6 acceptable
Cameroon	GCE O level at C or above
Gambia	WASSCE grades 1-6
Ghana	WASSCE grades 1-6
Hong Kong	Hong Kong A/AS level (HKALE) Use of English. Grade E Hong Kong Certificate of Education (HKCEE) A level – English Language Syllabus B. Grade C acceptable. <i>Syllabus A is not acceptable.</i>
India	English Core Grade XII CBSE, CISCE Board or NOS (National Open School) Board - 58% Maharashtra or West Bengal – 63% Tamil Nadu – 78%
Ireland (Eire)	O level at grade C or above
Kenya	Kenya Cert of Secondary Education grade C or above
Liberia	WASSCE grades 1-6
Malaysia	English 1119 (Cambridge English Language O level)
Malawi	MSCE grades 1-6
Mauritius	English 1125/1126 (Cambridge English Language O level)
Nigeria	WASSCE grades 1-6
Seychelles	English 1124 (Cambridge English Language O level)
Sierra Leone	WASSCE grades 1-6 or GCE O level grades 1-6
Singapore	Singapore/Cambridge GCE Ordinary Level grades 1-6

	Singapore Ngee Ann Polytechnic, Singapore Computerised English Language Proficiency Test (CELPT) Band score of 7 or above
South Africa	Senior Certificate Standard grade A-D
Tanzania	CSE at grade C or above
Uganda	UCE at grades 1-6
USA	High School Graduation Diploma grade C or above
Zambia	School Cert grades 1-6

### Alternatives to IELTS / TOEFL

If you do not meet the English language requirements through your school leaving certificate, we can also consider alternative qualifications which have an equivalent grade to IELTS (Academic) 6.0. You will be required to show evidence of more recent knowledge if your qualification is over two years old and if you have not been in a situation in which you can keep abreast of the language. In these circumstances you may be required to take an additional test.

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE TESTS

QUALIFICATION	GRADE REQUIRED FOR EQUIVALENCE
CAMBRIDGE ESOL CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH (CPE) (UCLES / CAMBRIDGE ESOL) LEVEL 5	C is equivalent to IELTS 8; NQF 3.
CAMBRIDGE ESOL CERTIFICATE OF ADVANCED ENGLISH (CAE) (UCLES / CAMBRIDGE ESOL) LEVEL 4	B or above preferable although a C might be accepted depending on student profile.  C is equivalent to NQF 2
CAMBRIDGE ESOL BUSINESS ENGLISH CERTIFICATE 3 (BEC HIGHER) (UCLES / CAMBRIDGE ESOL)	B or above preferable although a C might be accepted depending on student profile.  C is equivalent to NQF 2
CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATIONS AS LEVEL ENGLISH LANGUAGE	E or above is equivalent to IELTS 7; NQF 3
CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATIONS AS LEVEL LANGUAGE & LITERATURE IN ENGLISH	E or above is equivalent to IELTS 7; NQF 3
CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATIONS A/AS LEVEL LITERATURE IN ENGLISH	E or above is equivalent to IELTS 7; NQF 3
CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATIONS IGCSE ENGLISH - FIRST LANGUAGE	C or above on extended syllabus
CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATIONS IGCSE ENGLISH - SECOND LANGUAGE	C or above on extended syllabus
CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATIONS GCE O LEVEL IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE (Syllabuses 1115, 1119, 1120, 1123, 1124, 1125, 1126)	C or above
EDEXCEL INTERNATIONAL GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE	C or above.  <i>Two routes offered, Examination or Coursework. Examination option does not test speaking or listening so results should be checked with care.</i>

EDEXCEL INTERNATIONAL GCSE ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE	C or above  <i>NB Speaking test is optional so results should be checked with care.</i>
EUROPEAN BACCALAUREATE	English mark of at least 65%. 8 in English as either Obligatory Subject (Language I or II) or Full Option (Language III or IV)
INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE	English mark of at least 5 (good)
LONDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (LCCI) INTERNATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS ENGLISH FOR BUSINESS	Pass at Level 3, for entry to business courses.  <i>NB Speaking and listening tests are optional so results should be checked with care.</i>
LONDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (LCCI) INTERNATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS ASSESSMENT (ELSA)	Listening / Reading, and optional Writing I, Writing II and Speaking. L/R 383 (max 500), Writing II 5-6 (max 7), and Speaking Advanced are roughly equivalent to IELTS 6. NB Writing I (scored 0 – 100) is not acceptable. <i>Results should be carefully checked to ensure that Writing II has been successfully completed.</i>
LONDON TESTS OF ENGLISH (EDEXCEL INTERNATIONAL)	Tests at 5 levels. Distinction at Level 4, Pass at Level 5. <i>NB Oral exam is optional so results should be checked with care.</i>
MICHIGAN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ASSESSMENT BATTERY (MELAB)	77%  Tests structure, listening, writing, with optional oral; can be taken 3 times in any 12 months, but not repeated within 6 months.
CITY AND GUILDS INTERNATIONAL ESOL / INTERNATIONAL SPOKEN ESOL	First Class Pass at Expert level (NQF2) and Pass at Mastery level (NQF 3). <i>NB. IESOL and ISESOL are separate exams, so results should be checked with care</i>
TRINITY COLLEGE ESOL ISE III (INTEGRATED SKILLS IN ENGLISH)	Pass.  <i>Not to be mistaken for Trinity Graded Examinations in Spoken English (see section below)</i>
UNIVERSITY OF READING TEST IN ENGLISH FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES (TEEP)	Overall band score of 6.0 or above.  <i>NB There is no test of speaking</i>
INTO PRESESSIONAL ENGLISH/ PRE-MASTER'S ENGLISH/ *FOUNDATION/ *DIPLOMA/ *GRADUATE DIPLOMA. Qualifications offered by INTO in joint ventures with UEA, Newcastle, Manchester, Exeter & Glasgow Caledonian.	6.0 or above (UEA; Glasgow Caledonian); 60% or above (Newcastle; Exeter); A-C (Manchester).  <i>*NB Results on these courses should be carefully checked to ensure English language scores are reported, not simply overall course score.</i>

## UNACCEPTABLE ENGLISH LANGUAGE QUALIFICATIONS

Unfortunately we are unable to accept the below qualifications:

CAMBRIDGE FIRST CERTIFICATE IN ENGLISH (CAMBRIDGE ESOL) <i>This qualification does not test academic use of English.</i>
CHINESE COLLEGE ENGLISH TEST <i>This qualification does not test speaking, listening or writing.</i>
EDEXCEL INTERNATIONAL GCE O LEVEL ENGLISH LANGUAGE <i>Does not test listening or speaking.</i>
IELTS GENERAL TRAINING. <i>This qualification does not test academic use of English.</i>
PASSWORD ( <a href="http://englishlanguagetesting.co.uk">englishlanguagetesting.co.uk</a> ). <i>This qualification is suitable only for entry onto international foundation/pre-Masters/pre-sessional programmes.</i>
TOEFL INSTITUTIONAL TESTING PROGRAMME (ITP). <i>This is a diagnostic tool only and TOEFL state that this is not to be used as a qualification for University entry.</i>
TOEFL COMPUTER-BASED TEST. <i>This qualification ended in September 2006.</i>
TOEFL PAPER-BASED TEST. <i>Not accepted by UK Border Agency as sufficient test.</i>
TOEIC (Maximum score is 900 so a student with a high score might be worth investigating but this qualification should not be taken on its own) <i>This qualification does not test speaking or writing.</i>
TRINITY GRADED EXAMINATIONS IN SPOKEN ENGLISH (formerly Grade examinations) <i>This qualification does not test writing, reading or listening.</i>
WARWICK UNIVERSITY ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST (WELT) - <i>Tests English Grammar and Usage, Reading and Academic Writing but there is no test of listening or speaking.</i>

*\*Please note – this information has been provided in good faith and may be subject to change in response to changing requirements in UK higher education.*