

English Language Requirements



In order to demonstrate your ability to study at the University of Gloucestershire, you will need to produce evidence of an acceptable score on an approved English language test. The most commonly accepted English language tests are IELTS, TOEFL and the Pearson Test of English. The tables below show the levels you are required to achieve in the tests.

Pre-Sessional English Courses

We offer 10 week and 4 week pre-sessional courses to help you achieve the required English level for Undergraduate or Postgraduate study. The courses take place in the summer prior to starting your academic course. [Details of the pre-sessional courses.](#)

Secure English Language Tests - Bachelor Degree Courses

	Bachelor 'studies route' degree courses	Bachelor degree courses (Level 1 & 2 entry)	Bachelor degree courses (Level 3 entry)
IELTS academic test	IELTS 5.5 overall with no less than 5.5 in any band	IELTS 6.0 overall with no less than 5.5 in any band BA Journalism - IELTS 7.5 overall and 7.5 in all bands	IELTS 6.0 overall with no less than 6.0 in writing and 5.5 in any other band
Pearson Test of English (Academic)	Grade 52 overall with no less than 52 in any band	Grade 55 overall with no less than 52 in any band	Grade 55 overall with no less than 55 in any band
TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) Internet Based Test only	87 overall with no less than 21 in writing, 21 in listening, 22 in reading and 23 in speaking	90 overall with no less than 21 in writing, 21 in listening, 22 in reading and 23 in speaking	90 overall with no less than 23 in any band
Cambridge First Certificate (FCE)	Grade C	Grade C (min 67)	Grade C (min 67)
Cambridge Advanced English (CAE)	Grade C	Grade C	Grade C
City and Guilds International ESOL Diploma	"Expert" level (C1)	"Expert" level (C1)	"Expert" level (C1)
Integrated Skills in English (ISE)	ISE II - Pass in all elements	ISE II - Merit in Writing and Pass in all other elements	ISE II - Merit in Writing and Pass in all other elements
City and Guilds International ESOL Diploma	'Expert' level (C1)	'Expert' level (C1)	'Expert' level (C1)

Secure English Language Tests - Postgraduate Courses

	Postgraduate degree courses	Postgraduate Research Programmes	MA in Journalism
IELTS academic	IELTS 6.5 overall with no less than 6.0 in writing and 5.5 in any other band	IELTS 6.5 overall with no less than 6.0 in writing and 5.5 in any other band	IELTS 7.0 overall with no less than 7.5 in writing and 5.5 in any other band
Pearson Test of English (Academic)	Grade 60 overall with no less than 55 in any band	Grade 60 overall with no less than 55 in any band	Grade 65 overall with no less than 60 in any band 93 overall with no less than 23 in any band
TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) Internet Based Test only	93 overall with no less than 23 in any band	93 overall with no less than 23 in any band	95 overall with no less than 23 in any band
Cambridge First Certificate (FCE)	Grade B	Grade B	Grade A
Cambridge Advanced English (CAE)	Grade C	Grade C	Grade B
City and Guilds International ESOL Diploma	"Expert" level (C1)	"Expert" level (C1)	"Expert" level (C1)
Integrated Skills in English (ISE)	ISE II - Distinction in Writing and Merit in all other elements	ISE II - Distinction in Writing and Merit in all other elements	ISE II - Distinction in all elements
City and Guilds International ESOL Diploma	'Expert' level (C1)	'Expert' level (C1)	'Expert' level (C1)

Other Acceptable English Qualifications -

	Bachelor 'studies route' degree courses	Bachelor degree courses	Postgraduate degree courses
GCSE English	Grade C or above	Grade C or above	Grade C or above
GCE O Level English	Grade C or above	Grade C or above	Grade C or above
IGCSE English as a First or Second Language (with Supplementary Certifying Statement)	Grade C or above	Grade C or above	Grade C or above
India Standard XII	65% or higher	65% or higher	65% or higher
Malaysian SPM 1119 (Cambridge O level)	Grade C or above	Grade C or above	Grade C or above
WAEC / SSCE (West African Examinations Council)	Grade C6 or above	Grade C6 or above	Grade C6 or above
International Baccalaureate, First or Second Language, English Higher or Standard Level	5 marks or above	5 marks or above	5 marks or above
Caribbean Examinations Council Secondary Education Certificate English	Grade 3 or above	Grade 3 or above	Grade 3 or above
HKCEE (Hong Kong Certificate of Education)	Grade C or above	Grade C or above	Grade C or above
HKDSE	Grade 4	Grade 4	Grade 4
Advanced Level Certificate in English (ALCE) (Hellenic American Union)	Pass or above	Pass or above	Pass or above
KCSE (Kenyan Certificate of Secondary Education)	Grade C or above	Grade C or above	Grade C or above
UCE (Ugandan Certificate of Education)	Grade 6 or above	Grade 6 or above	Grade 6 or above

EACE (East African Certificate of Education)	Grade 6 or above	Grade 6 or above	Grade 6 or above
South African National Senior Certificate qualification	Grade 5 or above	Grade 5 or above	Grade 5 or above
Zimbabwe General Certificate of Education O level English	Grade C or above	Grade C or above	Grade C or above
Cameroon General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level	Grade C or above	Grade C or above	Grade C or above