

English Language Requirements for Oxford Brookes

To meet the university's English language requirements you will need to have one of the following acceptable English language qualifications, **unless you are from an English speaking country**.

The following are defined as majority English-speaking countries:

- Antigua and Barbuda
- Australia
- Bahamas
- Barbados
- Belize
- Canada
- Dominica
- Grenada
- Guyana
- Jamaica
- New Zealand
- St Kitts and Nevis
- St Lucia
- St Vincent and the Grenadines
- Trinidad and Tobago
- UK (including Wales, Scotland, England)
- Ireland (all regions)
- US

Notes:

- Proof of nationality does not need to be provided. Please use the information provided by the student during the initial registration process.
- Unless a degree is from a majority English-speaking country, as defined above, it is not acceptable for meeting OXB English language requirements, either as individual modules studied within the degree or a Bachelor in English for example.
- A student who is studying for a degree within one of the countries above is suitable as meeting OXB English language requirements (even where the student's nationality is not from one of the majority English-speaking). In addition, a part complete degree would also meet OXB English language requirements (one full year of study in a majority English-speaking country).
- ACCA's FIA qualification does not meet OXB English language requirements.
- Student's holding a qualification from a professional body do not meet OXB English language requirements.
- A qualification taught in English at an overseas campus of a UK Institution is acceptable (a programme validated or accredited and taught at an institution other than a UK University is not acceptable).

Acceptable General Qualifications:

A Level grades A-C in a social sciences or humanities subject
subjects which require a good comprehension of English, e.g. Business Studies, Communication Studies, Government and Politics, Law, English, English Literature, General Studies, History, Philosophy, Politics, Psychology, Religious Studies, Sociology.

ACCA qualification paper F4 (Corporate and Business Law)
last EP acceptable session June 2014 - internally assessed ACCA Paper 1.3 or F4 (2007 syllabus).

Advanced Placement International English Language Examination (APIEL)
with a score of 4 or 5 English Language

BULATS Online (certificated version)
with 70 in all skills (reading, writing, listening and speaking)

Cambridge English: Business Vantage (Business English Certificate Vantage)
with 170 overall, with 170 in reading and writing and 160 in listening and speaking (grade A-C on older certificates).

Cambridge English: Business Higher (Business English Certificate Higher)
with 170 overall, with 170 in reading and writing and 160 in listening and speaking (grade A-C on older certificates).

Cambridge English: Financial (ICFE) discontinued Dec. 2016
with 170 overall, with 170 in reading and writing and 160 in listening and speaking (grade A-C on older certificates).

Cambridge English: Legal (ILEC (International Legal English Certificate)) discontinued Dec. 2016
with 170 overall, with 170 in reading and writing and 160 in listening and speaking (grade A-C on older certificates).

Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE (Certificate in Advanced English))
with 170 overall, with 170 in reading and writing and 160 in listening and speaking (grade A-C on older certificates).

Cambridge English: Proficiency (CPE (Certificate of Proficiency in English))
with 170 overall, with 170 in reading and writing and 160 in listening and speaking (grade A-C on older certificates).

CAT – (Technician Graduate) – last EP acceptable session June 2011, from Dec 2011

Certificate of Attainment in English, University of London – English at level 4, 5 or 6

City and Guilds International ESOL (IESOL) Diploma
Level C1/C2 with pass in all skills (reading, writing, listening and speaking)

ESOL Skills for Life Level 2 (not Entry Level 2)
Pass in all skills (reading, writing, listening and speaking)

GCSE English Language / GCSE English Literature - grade A-C (grade 4-9 on new scale)

IELTS (academic) with 6.0 overall, and 6.0 in reading and writing and 5.5 in listening and speaking. **An IELTS certificate is only valid for 2 years.**

IGCSE
English (first language) grade A-C
English (as a second language) grade A-B

Integrated Skills in English (ISE) offered by (Trinity College London)
ISE III Pass in all skills (reading, writing, listening and speaking)
ISE IV Pass in all skills (reading, writing, listening and speaking)

International Baccalaureate (IB)

English A: Literature/Language - standard level grades 5-7 or higher level grades 4-7
English A: Literature - standard level grades 4-7 or higher level grades 4-7
English Literature and Performance - standard level grade 5-7
English B - standard level grades 5-7 or higher level grades 4-7

London Chamber of Commerce and Industry Examination Board (LCCI)

English for Business Course – pass level 3 or level 4
English for Commerce – pass level 3 or level 4
English Language Skills Assessment (ELSA) – listening/reading 383+ and writing II level 4/5

O level English at grade A-C / 1-6 or above

Pearson Test of English (PTE)

with 54 overall and 51 in reading, writing, speaking and listening.
A PTE test score is only valid for 2 years

University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate – General paper (Pass at O/A) (grades 1-6)

Acceptable Country Specific Qualifications:

Malta, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Uganda and Zimbabwe - O Levels and A Levels for the following countries meet EP (with the appropriate grade in English or alternative subjects per UK guidelines)

Botswana, Kenya, Nigeria, Zimbabwe Uganda, South Africa Malawi, Tanzania, Sierra Leone, Ghana, Students from the following countries meet the EP requirement if they have a recognised tertiary qualification i.e. the institution is on the ACCA exemption database (including part complete) with the exception of a professional qualification e.g. ICAN, ICAP etc.

Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Cayman Islands
see Caribbean Examinations Council Secondary Education Certificate

Cameroon – General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level English grades A-C

Canada (Secondary School Diploma from individual Provinces)
minimum of 70% in grade 12 English

Caribbean Examinations Council Secondary Education Certificate
General Proficiency (not Technical Proficiency) - grades 1-3
(for the following countries only: Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Jamaica, St Lucia, St Kitts and Nevis, Trinidad and Tobago, Turks and Caicos)

China
College English Test Band 6, China (CET-6) with minimum mark of 400.
Test for English Majors Band 8 (TEM-8) at pass (60-69%)

Subject College English taken within higher education in China (this subject can also be accepted when the module is submitted with a part complete qualification if the module is listed as passed on the transcript)

Dominica
see Caribbean Examinations Council Secondary Education Certificate

Gambia
West African Senior School Certificate English (awarded by WAEC) grades A1-C6

Ghana
Senior Secondary School Certificate English A-C
West African Senior School Certificate English (awarded by WAEC) grades A1-C6

Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
English 4 overall with 4 in reading and writing and 3 in speaking and listening

India - Indian 12th standard in English at 60% (all regions)

Irish Leaving Certificate
Higher Level English grades A1-D3/H1-H7
Ordinary Level English grades A1-C3/O1-O4

Israel - Bagrut with 80% (8/10) in Unit 3 English

Jamaica
see Caribbean Examinations Council Secondary Education Certificate

Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) English grades A–C

Malawi – Malawi School Certificate of Education English with grades 1-6

Malaysian University English Test (MUET) – Bands 4, 5 or 6.

Malaysia Cambridge (CIE) O level pass or Malaysian SPM (Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia) at grade A1-C6. The document must specify syllabus 1119, look for 'Bahasa Inggeris' on the transcript.

Malta - Matriculation and Secondary Education Certificate Examination Board (MATSEC) – University of Malta – Matriculation Examination – A level subjects in English – Grade A – E.

Mauritius

Cambridge (CIE) Higher School Certificate English at principle level comparable to British A-levels on a grade by grade basis, subsidiary level comparable to British GCSE standard on a grade by grade basis

General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level English grades A-C

Nigeria

Senior School Certificate English (awarded by WAEC or NECO) grades A1-C6

West African Senior School Certificate English (awarded by WAEC or NECO) grades A1-C6

Sierra Leone

West African Senior School Certificate English (awarded by WAEC) grades A1-C6

Singapore / Cambridge O level English with minimum grade of C6

South Africa National Senior Certificate with grades 5-7 in English

St Lucia / St Kitts and Nevis

see Caribbean Examinations Council Secondary Education Certificate

Tanzania – Certificate of Secondary Education (Grades A-C only)

Trinidad and Tobago

see Caribbean Examinations Council Secondary Education Certificate

Turks and Caicos

see Caribbean Examinations Council Secondary Education Certificate

Uganda

Advanced Certificate of Education in English grades A–C at principle or subsidiary level

East African Certificate of Education (EACE) English grades 1-6

Uganda Certificate of Education (UCE) English grades 1-6

Zambia

School Certificate / General Certificate of Education English grades 1-6 or distinction/merit/credit (satisfactory is not acceptable).

Acceptable Oxford Brookes Qualifications:

International Foundation Diploma/International Foundation Diploma Plus

pass IFD/IFD+ with 55% overall

These are one year courses offered by Oxford Brookes International

University English

level 2 pass with 60% overall, level 3 pass with 50% overall, level 4 pass with 50% overall

University English is a one semester course run by Oxford Brookes International