

English Language Requirements for Oxford Brookes

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

These are the countries designated as English speaking:

- Antigua and Barbuda
- Australia
- Bahamas
- Barbados
- Belize
- Canada
- Dominica
- Granada
- Guyana
- Jamaica
- New Zealand
- St Kitts and Nevis
- St Lucia
- St Vincent and the Grenadines
- Trinidad and Tobago
- UK Inc. 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.
- A degree from a non-English speaking majority country 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 whose nationality is not from one of the English speaking majority countries who is studying for a degree within one of the English speaking majority countries above is suitable as meeting OXB English language requirements. In addition, a part complete degree would also meet OXB English language requirements.
- 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.
- OBU position is that if a qualification is taught in English at a campus of the UK Institution it is acceptable – a programme validate or accredited and taught at an institution other than the UK University is not acceptable.

A pass in GCSE English Literature.

A pass in UK O level English at grade C or above.

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 same as UK guidelines)

A pass in either A Level in subjects which require a good comprehension of English, e.g. British Constitution, British Government, Communication Studies, Law, Economics, General Studies, History, Philosophy, Psychology, Religious Studies, Sociology, Pakistan Studies, Islamic Studies/Islamiyat and Business Studies.

University of Cambridge International Examinations – GCE, Advanced Subsidiary or Advanced Level in English (same grade structure for UK A & O level)

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 ie the institution is on the ACCA exemption database (including part complete) with the exception of a professional qualification eg ICAN, ICAP etc

Nigeria, Ghana, Gambia and Sierra Leone - WASSCE, West African Senior Secondary Certificate of Education (C6 in English)

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

Certificate of Attainment in English, University of London – providing at least Grade 4 has been achieved.

LCCI - English Language Skills Assessment (ELSA) – (with an acceptable writing score within the range 77 – 85 and an acceptable Reading score within the range 155 – 211).

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

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

Cameroon – General Certificate of Education Examination Ordinary Level – Grades A-C.

Caribbean Examinations Council Secondary Education Certificate – General Proficiency - grades 1-3 (for the following countries only: Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, St Lucia, St Kitts and Nevis, Turks and Caicos)

College English Test – Band 6, China (CET-6) – minimum mark of 400.

International Baccalaureate (IB) – English must be a minimum of Standard Level (SL) – Grades

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)

India - Indian 12th standard in English at 60%

Irish Leaving Certificate at Higher Level grades A1-D2 or at Ordinary Level grades A1-C3.

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

Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education – English in Grade A – C.

Malawi – Malawi School Certificate of Education – Grade 6 or above.

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

A pass at Malaysian SPM at grade C or above. The document must specify syllabus 1119 Please look for 'Bahasa Inggeris' on the students transcript.

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

Mauritius - CIE Joint Examination for The School Certificate and GCE O-level A-C comparable to GCSE grades A*-C

Mauritius - CIE Joint Examination for The Higher School Certificate and GCE A-level comparable to British A-levels on a grade by grade basis.

Nigeria – NECO (C6 in English)

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

South Africa – Senior Certificate, Grades A-E at higher level or Grades A-C at standard level.

Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education in English – Grade A - C

Zambia – School Certificate / General Certificate of Education – grades 1-6 or Distinction, merit or credit (please note satisfactory is not acceptable).

FIA does **not** meet EP.

Qualification

IELTS (academic only) Level for Faculty of Business undergraduate programmes at Oxford Brookes University

- 6.0 overall with 6.0 in reading and writing, 5.5 in listening and speaking for Law, Psychology, Architecture, English, Accounting and Finance

An IELTS certificate is only valid for 2 years.

Pearson Test of English (PTE)

- 58 overall with 51 in reading and writing, 51 in listening and speaking for Law, Psychology, Architecture, English Language and Communication, English, Accounting and Finance

A PTE Academic score is only valid for 2 years

International Foundation Diploma

Pass the IFD with 55% overall

University English

- Level 2 with an average mark of 60%, plus 60% in reading and writing
- Level 3 with an average of 40%
- Level 4 with an average of 40%

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

"A" Level in a Social Sciences or Humanities subject

Grade C or above

Cambridge Certificate in Advanced OXB Minimum requirements English (CAE) English (CAE)

Achieve 176 overall with minimum 170 in reading and writing and 160 in listening and speaking.

Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency OXB Minimum Requirements in English (CPE)

Grade B or above

Cambridge International Certificate OXB Minimum Requirements in Financial English (ICFE)

Grade C1 or above

London tests of English

Level 3 (International Diploma only)
Level 4 (undergraduate and postgraduate courses)
Level 5 (Law and Psychology)

London Chamber of Commerce and Industry Examination Board (LCCI)

English for Business Course – pass Level 3
English for Commerce – pass Level 3

Advanced Placement International Examination (APIEL)

Score of 4 or 5 English Language

Cambridge English: First
(also known as First Certificate in English)

Cambridge English: Business
Vantage (also known as Business
English Certificate Vantage)

Cambridge English: Business
Higher (also known as Business
English Certificate Higher)

Achieve 176 overall with minimum 170 in
reading and writing and 160 in listening and
speaking

Achieve 176 overall with minimum 170 in
reading and writing and 160 in listening and
speaking

Achieve 176 overall with minimum 170 in
reading and writing and 160 in listening and
speaking

Cambridge English Legal (also
known as International Legal
English Certificate)

Level B2 – Pass and:
Listening, speaking, reading and writing-
Borderline

Level C1 – Pass or Pass with Merit and:
Listening, speaking, reading writing – Good

ESOL Skills for Life Level 1 Level B2

Reading – Pass
Writing – Pass
Speaking and Listening – Pass
For Speaking and Listening: Speak to
Communicate – Borderline Listen and
Respond – Borderline Engage in Discussion –
Borderline

ESOL Skills for Life Level 1 Level C1

Reading – Pass
Writing – Pass
Speaking and Listening – Pass
For Speaking and Listening: Speak to
Communicate – Borderline Listen and
Respond – Borderline Engage in Discussion –
Borderline

BULATS Online
(certificated version)

Level C1
Reading – 75 Listening – 75
Speaking – CEFR C1
Writing – CEFR C1
Level C2
Reading – 90 Listening – 90 Speaking – 90
Writing – 90

Cambridge IGCSE English as a
Second Language

Level B2 or above
Reading and Writing
Reading – Grade D Writing – Grade D
Oral (Speaking) – Grade C or Grade 2
Listening – Grade A

City and Guilds International ESOL

(IESOL) Diploma

Level B2/C1/C2

Listening – Pass

Speaking – Pass Reading – Pass Writing – Pass

**Level 1 Certificate in ESOL Skills
for life (Trinity College London)**

Level 1 – B2

Reading – pass

Listening - pass Speaking - pass Writing – pass

Level 2 – C1

Reading - pass

Listening - pass Speaking - pass Writing – pass

**Integrated Skills in English
(Trinity College London)**

ISEII

Reading - pass Listening - pass Speaking -
pass

Writing – pass

ISEIII

Reading - pass Listening - pass Speaking - pass

Writing – pass

ISEIV

Reading - pass Listening - pass Speaking - pass

Writing pass

Appendix 1 - European Framework Levels

C Proficient User	C2
	C1
B Independent User	B2
	B1
A Basic User	A2
	A1