English Language requirements

For study under 6 months

It is recommended that for study periods of **less than 6 months**, students enter the UK to study at Warwick on a Short Term Study visa - https://warwick.ac.uk/study/international/immigration/othervisas/studentvisitor/

In terms of the **English Language requirement** for study periods of under 6 months, it is expected that to enable a student to manage to undertake the course content they will need to possess a high level of both written and verbal English. See further detail here on the Universities requirements - https://warwick.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/apply/language/

At times discretion can be used by departments for exceptional students if this level has not quite been achieved, however the student must demonstrate a competent level of English Language for admission to the University.

We may on occasion require the students home University to provide an official letter to confirm a student’s English Language level in order to support the student’s application

**For Study over 6 months – Tier 4 Visa**

Should study be for a period of **over 6 months**, students will need to apply for a Tier 4 visa - https://warwick.ac.uk/study/international/immigration/tier4/applying/

The **English Language requirement** for applying for a Tier 4 visa is set by the UKVI and the criteria would need to be met in order to successfully be granted leave to enter and study.

**Please note that students will also be required to meet the requirements of the University in regards to English Language competency and this may be at a higher level than that of the UKVI** - https://warwick.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/apply/language/

If the UKVI requirement is met, however the student has not quite achieved the requirement of Warwick, cases will be reviewed on a case by case basis by the department. Please note the student must demonstrate a competent level of English Language for admission to the University.

We may on occasion require the students home University to provide an official letter to confirm a student’s English Language level in order to support the student’s application

**Exceptions to UKVI English Language requirement**

There are some exemptions to the UKVI English Language requirement.

Firstly those who fall under the **UKVI Exemption by Nationality List** -

The following passport holders are exempted from the English language requirement when applying

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Secondly, those who fall under the **UKVI exemption for USA Study abroad students**, i.e. third-country nationals undertaking a short-term study abroad programme in the UK as part of their course at an overseas HEI in the USA which leads to a qualification of at least equivalent level to a UK bachelor’s degree, are exempt from the English language requirement.

**Accepted English Language tests**

To meet the UKVI English Language requirement there are 9 tests accepted when applying for your Tier 4 visa:

- Cambridge Advanced (CAE)
- Cambridge Proficiency (CPE)
- IELTs (Academic)
- IELTs for UKVI (Academic)
- Trinity for UKVI (B2 SELT II, III & IV)
- Pearson Academic (PTE)
- TOEFL (iBT)
- TOEFL (iBT Special Home Edition)
- Language Certificate International ESOL SELT C1

The validity of qualification needs to be 2 years + 6 weeks to course start date.

The UKVI will not accept the following –

- Any other Academic English Language qualification (e.g., GCSE)
- Any form of Institutional Assessment

Further information can be found on our Immigration and Compliance pages - [https://warwick.ac.uk/study/international/immigration/tier4/english/](https://warwick.ac.uk/study/international/immigration/tier4/english/)