

English Language Requirements for Undergraduate Incoming Exchange Students

(23/24 Entry)

(May be subject to change)

In order to study at the University of Warwick, applicants are required to show that their ability in English meets the minimum level required. Therefore, as part of the application process, we will request evidence of English language proficiency. The type of evidence required depends upon your nationality and the type of visa needed. Nationals from the following English speaking countries are exempt according to the UK Visas and Immigration service and therefore, we will not request any evidence from them:

- Antigua and Barbuda
- Australia
- Bahamas (the)
- Barbados
- Belize
- Canada
- Dominica
- Grenada
- Guyana
- Jamaica
- Malta
- New Zealand
- St Lucia
- St Kitts and Nevis
- St Vincent & the Grenadines
- Trinidad and Tobago
- United States of America

If your nationality is not on the list above, then evidence of English language proficiency will be required:

If you need a Standard Visitor Visa or Visitor status (part year exchange)

If you will only be studying at Warwick for 6 months or less, then you will either need a standard visitor visa or visitor status once you arrive in the UK. We still need to see evidence of English language proficiency but as it's not required as part of the visa process, we are flexible and can consider other types of evidence which isn't listed below, such as a confirmation letter from your home university.

If you need a Student Visa (full year exchange)

In order to study for the full year, you will need a student visa and as part of the visa requirements, you must show evidence of meeting the scores of one of the tests or qualifications listed below, therefore, you will need to provide this when submitting your application to us.

Acceptable English Language Tests

Must not be older than 2 years from the course start date (only valid for 2 years)

Academic departments may be able to consider lower scores at their discretion

IELTS Academic and IELTS Academic Online

- 6.5 overall with minimum of 6.0 in each component score

Pearson PTE (Academic, Academic online or UKVI)

- 69 overall with a minimum of 59 in each component score

TOEFL iBT and TOEFL Online (iBT Special Home Edition) (MyBest scores are not accepted)

- 92 overall with a minimum of 22 in Reading, 21 in Listening, 23 in Speaking and 21 in Writing

Cambridge English Advanced (C1 Advanced)

- 180 overall with no less than 170 in any component

Cambridge English Proficiency (C2 Proficiency)

- 180 overall with no less than 170 in any component

Acceptable School-Level Qualifications (for undergraduate students only)

Please note that if there are significant gaps between you taking the qualification and starting your home university (for example, more than 2 years) then we may require additional evidence of your English language proficiency.

Any applicant could have taken any of the below English qualifications, even if they were not a national of that country or studying in that country, for example, German Abitur English would be acceptable for a Chinese national who studied in China.

Examination/Qualification	Board	Minimum Score Required
GCE A Level or International A Level English Language	AQA, Pearson Edexcel, OCR, NICCEA, WJEC, EDUQAS	C
GCE A Level or International A Level English Literature	AQA, Pearson Edexcel, OCR, NICCEA, WJEC, EDUQAS	C
GCE AS Level English Language	AQA, Pearson Edexcel, OCR, NICCEA, WJEC, EDUQAS	C
GCE Ordinary Level (Syllabus 1123) English Language	UCLES/CIE	C
GCSE English Language	AQA, Pearson Edexcel, CIE, OCR, CCEA (or NICCEA)	C/4
GCSE English Literature & Language (Double Award)	Pearson Edexcel	CC/44
IGCSE English Language	AQA, Pearson Edexcel, CIE, Oxford AQA	C/4
International Baccalaureate - One of the following subjects at Higher or Standard Level: English A (including A1 or A2) English Literature A English Literature and Language English Literature and Performance Language A: Language and Literature	IBO	Grade 4
International Baccalaureate English B (Higher level)	IBO	Grade 4

International Baccalaureate English B (Standard level)	IBO	Grade 5
Scottish Higher English	SQA	C
Scottish Standard level 5/National 5 English	SQA	C or 5 to 6
European Baccalaureate – English (taken as 1st or 2nd language - 1st language studied, or 2nd language studied - at same level)	Board of Governors of the European Schools	6

Australia	Board of Senior Secondary Studies (BSSS): Australia Capital Territory Year 12 Certificate - English	C
	Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA): Queensland Certificate of Education Certificate of Education - English	C
	Board of Studies, Teaching & Educational Standards NSW: NSW Higher School Certificate (HSC) - English 2 Unit Course	Band 4 70%
	Board of Studies, Teaching & Educational Standards NSW: NSW Higher School Certificate (HSC) - English Extension Unit	E1 (graded E1 - E4 with E4 being highest)
	Northern Territory Board of Studies: Northern Territory Certificate of Education and Training (NTCET) - English Stage 1 subject (Year 11)	A
	Northern Territory Board of Studies: Northern Territory Certificate of Education and Training (NTCET) - English Stage 2 subject (Year 12)	B+
	SACE Board of South Australia: South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) - English Studies Stage 1 (Year 11)	B
	SACE Board of South Australia: South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) - English Studies Stage 2 (Year 12)	C+
	Tasmanian Qualifications Authority: Tasmanian Certificate of Education (TCE) – English Studies	CA (Commendable Achievement)
	Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority: Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) - English	C
	School Curriculum and Standards Authority: Western Australia Certificate of Education (WACE) - English	C

Austria	Allgemeinbildende Höhere Schule: Reifeprüfung / Matura - English	2 or Gut
Brunei	BEED/UCLES: O Level 1120 - English Language	C
Botswana	Botswana Examinations Council (BEC)/UCLES: Botswana General Certificate of Education - English Language	C
Bulgaria	Ministry of Education and Sciences: Diploma of Completed Secondary Education (Diploma za sredno obrazovanie) - English	5 (State exam)
Canada	Government of Alberta Education: Alberta High School Diploma - English Language Arts (30-1)	80%
	Ministry of Education, British Columbia: British Columbia Certificate of Education - English Studies 12 or English First Peoples (Grade 12) - Online course	85%
	Nova Scotia Department of Education: Nova Scotia High School Graduation Diploma - English (Grade 12)	85%
Caribbean Community including: Anguilla Antigua and Barbuda Barbados Belize British Virgin Islands Cayman Islands Dominica Grenada Guyana Jamaica Montserrat Saint Kitts and Nevis Saint Lucia Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Trinidad and Tobago Turks and Caicos Islands	Caribbean Exams Council: Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate – General Proficiency: English A or English B	3 (III) (grade 1 is the highest)

Czech Republic	Maturita: Secondary School Leaving Certificate - English	2
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Denmark	Bevis for Studentereksamen STX (Secondary Education Graduation Certificate) - English (Engelsk)	7 (graded 12, 10, 7 and 4)
	Bevis for Højere Forberedelseseksamen (HF) (Higher Preparatory Examination Certificate) - English (Engelsk)	7 (graded 12, 10, 7 and 4)
Finland	Matriculation Examination Board: Ylioppilastutkinto / Studentexamen - English (Englannin)	4 (graded 0 to 7 with 7 being highest)
France	French Baccalaureate - LVA English or Year 12/13 Speciality English Language and Literature	12
	French Baccalaureate - English language (written) (last year of award was 2020. In 2021, this was replaced with LVA English as above)	12
	Option Internationale du Baccalaureat - English Language & Literature (written) or American Language and Literature (written)	12

Germany	Abitur - English (Hauptfach (Higher) or Leistungskurs (LK) or Kurs mit erhöhtem Anforderungsnivea (eA subject))	11
Hong Kong	Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority: Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) - English Language	4 (graded 5**,5*,5,4,3,2,1 with 5** being highest)
	Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority: Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination (HKCEE) - English Language (Last year of award was 2011, replaced by HKDSE above)	4 (graded 5**,5*,5,4,3,2,1 with 5** being highest)
Iceland	Studentsprof (Academic) / Matriculation Certificate - English	9
India	CBSE: All India Senior School Certificate Examination (AISSCE) (First attempt only so not 're-examination' or 'duplicate'): English Elective C (Subject code 101) or English Language and Literature or English Core	80%
	CISCE: Indian School Certificate (Class XII) (First attempt only so not 're-examination' or 'duplicate'):	80%

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Kenya	The Kenya National Examinations Council: Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) - English	C (C- not acceptable)
Lithuania	Republic of Lithuania: Brandos Atestatas (Secondary School Leaving Certificate) - Foreign Language (English) - Uz sienion Kalba (angly) State Exam	75%
	Republic of Lithuania: Brandos Atestatas (Secondary School Leaving Certificate) - Foreign Language (English) - Uz sienion Kalba (angly) Advanced level - A	8 out of 10
Malawi	The Malawi National Education Board: Malawi School Certificate of Education (MSCE) - English	6 (graded 1 to 8 with 1 being highest)

Malaysia	CIE: GCE Ordinary Level - English (Syllabus 1119) (Only acceptable when awarded up to and including 2020)	C
Malta	Matriculation and Secondary Education Certificate Examinations Board: Matriculation Certificate Examination - Intermediate Level: English	C
	Secondary Education Certificate - English Language	5 (graded 1 to 7 with 1 being highest)
Mauritius	CIE: GCE Ordinary Level - English Language (Syllabus 1125 or 1126)	C
Namibia	Namibia Ministry of Education/UCLES: Namibia Senior Secondary Certificate (Ordinary Level) - English First Language (syllabus 6095)	C
Netherlands	Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs (VWO) - English	8 (graded 1 to 10 with 10 being highest)
West Africa including: Gambia Ghana Liberia Nigeria Sierra Leone	The West African Examinations Council (WAEC): West African Senior School Certificate Examination (WASSCE) – English Language	C6 (graded A1, B2, B3, C4, C5, C6, D7, E8)

Norway	Vitnemål - videregående opplæring (VVO) - English (Engelsk)	4 (graded 0 to 6 with 6 being highest)
Poland	Centralna Komisja Egzaminacyjna (Polish Central Examination Board): Swiadcetwo Dojrzalosci (Certificate of Maturity): English - Extended Level	80% in written extended English & 80% in oral English
Singapore	Ministry of Education, Singapore / CIE / Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board: Singapore-Cambridge GCE O Level - English Language (Syllabus 1128)	C6 (graded A1, A2, B3, B4, C5, C6, D7, E8 with A1 being highest)
	Singapore Integrated Programme - Language Arts (IP)	C
	Singapore Integrated Programme - English Language (Sec 4) - IP	C
	School of the Arts (SOTA): Singapore Integrated Programme - Analysis, Research and Communication (renamed English Language and Critical Thinking) Sec 4	C
	Singapore Integrated Programme - English Language GPA (IP)	3.6 or grade A
	Singapore Integrated Programme - Language and Linguistics H2 (IP)	C

South Africa	UMALUSI (Council for Quality Assurance in General and Further Education and Training South Africa): National Senior Certificate - English Home Language	4 (graded 1-7 with 7 being highest)
Switzerland	Switzerland Matura – 1 st Language	5
Tanzania	The National Examinations Council of Tanzania: Certificate of Secondary Education (CSEE) - English Language	C
Tanzania (Zanzibar)	Ministry of Education and Vocational Training Zanzibar: Secondary School Leaving Certificate - English	C
Uganda	Uganda National Examinations Board: Uganda Certificate of Education (UCE) - English Language	6 (graded 1-8 with 1 being highest)
USA	The ACT: English - Composite overall score of 28 (each component scored out of 36 - writing test is optional and score (maximum 10) is not included in the overall)	28

	College Board: Redesigned SAT - Reading & Writing, Math (essay is optional and score (maximum 50) is not counted in the overall)	1340/1600 with no less than 540 in any subject
	College Board: SATR (last year of award was 2016, replaced by Redesigned SAT)	600/800. Minimum 1900 total from 3 elements
	College Board: Advanced Placement (AP) - English Language and Composition	3
Zambia	Examinations Council of Zambia: Zambia School Certificate / General Certificate of Education - English Language	6
Zimbabwe	ZIMSEC: Zimbabwe General Certificate of Education at Ordinary Level – English Language	C