

English Language Requirements for Incoming Exchange Students 25/26

(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
- Barbados
- Belize
- British overseas territories
- Canada
- Dominica
- Grenada
- Guyana
- Ireland
- Jamaica
- New Zealand
- Malta
- St Lucia
- St Kitts and Nevis
- St Vincent & the Grenadines
- Trinidad and Tobago
- United Kingdom
- 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, some academic departments at Warwick can consider other types of evidence which isn't listed below, such as a confirmation letter from your home university (please note that it does depend upon the academic department, for example, Warwick Business School only accept evidence of meeting the scores of one of the tests or qualifications listed below).

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

Only acceptable when taken on or after 1 September 2023 for September 2025 entry (only valid for 2 years and one month)

Please note that where you have taken more than one English language test, we are only able to accept the results from the most recent test

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

IELTS Academic and IELTS Academic Online (IELTS 'One skill Retake' not acceptable)

- 6.5 overall with minimum of 6.0 in each component score

Pearson Test of English (PTE) (Academic)

- 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 (iBT or iBT Special Home Edition) overall with a minimum of 22 in Reading, 21 in Listening, 23 in Speaking and 21 in Writing
- 250 (Computer)

Duolingo (only Duolingo tests that provide individual Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening component scores are acceptable)

- 120 overall with a minimum of 110 in each component (Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening)

Cambridge English Advanced C1 Advanced

- A with no less than Borderline in any element or 180 overall with no less than 170 in any component

Cambridge English Proficiency C2 Proficiency

- C with no less than Borderline in any element or 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 English Language	AQA, Pearson Edexcel, OCR, NICCEA, WJEC, EDUQAS	C
GCE 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
GCSE English Language (not IGCSE)	AQA, Pearson Edexcel, OCR, CCEA, NICCEA, NI Board, WJEC/EDUQAS	4/C
GCSE English Literature & Language (Double Award)	Pearson Edexcel	44/CC
IGCSE English as a First Language	Any	C
International Baccalaureate - One of the following subjects at Higher or Standard Level: English A (including A1 or A2) English Literature A English Language and Literature English Literature and Performance Language A: Language and Literature	IBO	HL 4 or SL 4
International Baccalaureate Higher Level English B	IBO	HL 4
International Baccalaureate Standard Level English B	IBO	SL 5

Scottish Higher English	SQA	C
Scottish National 5 English	SQA	C or 5 to 6
European Baccalaureate – English – must be studied as a 1 st or 2 nd language	Board of Governors of the European Schools	6
O Level 1120 – English Language	BEBD/UCLES	C
O Level English 1119 (only acceptable when awarded up to and including 2020)	UCLES/CIE	C
O Level English 1125/1123	UCLES/CIE	C

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 - English	C
	Board of Studies, Teaching & Educational Standards NSW: New South Wales Higher School Certificate (HSC) - English 2 Unit Course	Band 4 70%
	Board of Studies, Teaching & Educational Standards NSW: New South Wales 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	A
	Northern Territory Board of Studies: Northern Territory Certificate of Education and Training (NTCET) - English Stage 2 subject	B+
	SACE Board of South Australia: South Australia Certificate of Education (SACE) - English Studies Stage 1 Subject	B

	SACE Board of South Australia: South Australia Certificate of Education (SACE) - English Studies Stage 2 Subject	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	Schule: Reifeprüfung - English	2
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 12	85%
	Nova Scotia Department of Education: Nova Scotia High School Graduation Diploma - English Grade 12	85%
Caribbean	Caribbean Exams Council: Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate – General Proficiency English A or English B	3 (III) (grade 1 is the highest)

Czech Republic	Centre for the Evaluation of Education Results: Maturita - Secondary School Leaving Certificate - English	2
Denmark	Ministry of Education: Bevis for Studentereksamen STX (Secondary Education Graduation Certificate) - English (Engelsk)	7 (graded 12, 10, 7 and 4)
	Ministry of Education: Bevis for Højere Forberedelseksamen (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	12

	or Year 12/13 Speciality English Language and Literature	
	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	Zeugnis der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife (Abitur) - English (Hauptfach (Higher) or Leistungskurs (LK) or eA subject)	11
Hong Kong	Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA): Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)/HKCEE - English Language	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) (Class XII) - English Elective C (Subject code 101) or English Language and Literature or English Core	80% (first attempt only so not 're-examination' or 'duplicate')
	CISCE: Indian School Certificate (Class XII) - English Elective C (Subject code 101) or English Language and Literature or English Core	80% (first attempt only so not 're-examination' or 'duplicate')
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) - Uzsienion Kalba (angly) State Exam	75%
	Republic of Lithuania: Brandos Atestatas (Secondary School Leaving Certificate) - Foreign Language (English) - Uzsienion 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)
Malta	Matriculation and Secondary Education Certificate Examinations Board: Matriculation Certificate Examination - Intermediate Level: English	C
	Matriculation and Secondary Education Certificate Examinations Board: Secondary Education Certificate - English Language	5 (graded 1 to 7 with 1 being highest)
Namibia	Namibia Ministry of Education/UCLES: Namibia Senior Secondary Certificate (Ordinary Level) - English First Language (syllabus 6095)	C
Netherlands	Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs (VVO) - English	8 (graded 1 to 10 with 10 being highest)
Norway	Vitnemål - videregående opplæring (VVO) - English (Engelsk)	4 (graded 0 to 6 with 6 being highest)
Poland	Centralna Komisja Egzaminacyjna (Polish Central Examination Board): Swiactwo 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) (Note: Students at Raffles Girls School and Raffles Institution must provide evidence their GPA is 3.6)	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)
Sweden	Högskoleförberedande Examen – English 7	C
Switzerland	Switzerland Matura – English 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 Note: Superscore not accepted. Most recent Highest Full Battery scores will be considered.	28
	College Board: Redesigned SAT - Reading & Writing, Math Note: Grades should be met in one sitting. Essay score is not counted in the overall score.	1340/1600 with no less than 540 in any subject
	College Board: Advanced Placement (AP) - English Language and Composition (results must be shared via the College Board)	3
West Africa	The West African Examinations Council (WAEC): West African Senior School Certificate Examination (WASSCE) – English Language	C6
Zambia	Examinations Council of Zambia: Zambia School Certificate / General Certificate of Education - English Language	6
Zimbabwe	Zimbabwe School Examinations Council (ZIMSEC): Zimbabwe General Certificate of Education at Ordinary Level – English Language	C