

Undergraduate English Language Requirements

The following English Language qualifications and tests are acceptable for entry to the University of Essex Online undergraduate courses (CertHE, BSc, BA, LLB and Top-up) and online short courses. If you are taking an English language qualification that is not specified below, please contact the Admissions team for advice on whether it is acceptable for entry. The levels below are the minimum entry requirements for undergraduate admission to the university.

Shelf Life of Tests/Qualifications

For all of the tests listed in the table below except Pearson Test of English (PTE) Academic and TOEFL, we can accept a test taken up to 5 years before the start of the course you are applying for at the University of Essex Online.

PTE Academic and TOEFL tests must be verifiable online by the University at the point that any offer is made. Verification is only available online within 3 years of the date of the test for PTE Academic and within 2 years of the date of the test for TOEFL.

If your English Language test or qualification has been completed outside of the period specified above for the type of test you have taken, you may be required to provide alternative evidence of your English Language proficiency or to complete a free online KITE test as part of your application to your course. If you are unsure why you are required to complete an additional English Language test, please contact our Admissions team and we will be happy to clarify this for you.

Pre-sessional English Language Course with Kaplan

If you do not already hold an acceptable English Language test/qualification and are offered to take our free online English Language test KITE but do not achieve the required score for your course, we also offer a pre-sessional English Language course with Kaplan. This course has a 15-week duration and if you fully commit and engage with the course, you are guaranteed to improve your English Language proficiency by one CEFR level. The cost of the course is £2000 which is required prior to enrolment but this fee is then deducted from your tuition fees for your University of Essex Online course. For further details about this pre-sessional English Language course, please contact our Admissions team.

Exemptions

If you are a national or graduate of a UK Home Office defined majority English-speaking country, you may not need to take an English test to evidence your proficiency. Please see [our website](#) for further details.

Applicants from outside these countries with a UK degree equivalent qualification, do not need to demonstrate English language competence if they can provide proof that the qualification was instructed in English.

Acceptable English Language Tests	Minimum Level Required for: Undergraduate courses (including CertHE, BSc, BA, LLB and Top-up) Undergraduate Online Short Courses <small>See previous page for information about the shelf life of your test</small>
KITE (Kaplan International Tools for English)	Overall score of 426 (B2) required
Academic IELTS (Including UKVI IELTS, non-UKVI IELTS and IELTS Indicator)	Overall score of 6.0 required
British Academic Centre International English Test (BACIET)	Overall score of 6.0 required
Pearson Test of English (PTE) (Including PTE Academic Online)	Overall score of 54 required
Cambridge English Proficiency (CPE) or Cambridge Advanced English (CAE)	Overall score of 169 required on the Cambridge English scale
TOEFL IBT (Including the Special Home Edition, and TOEFL My Best Scores)	Overall score of 80 required
Trinity College London ISE	ISE II with Distinction in all four components
Test of English for Educational Purposes (TEEP)	Overall score of 6.0 required
Michigan ECPE	Successful completion of the ECPE Certificate of Proficiency with Pass overall
Oxford International Digital Institute – Online Pre-sessional English Course (OPSE) and Online English Language Level Test (ELLT)	B2+ or 6 overall
Skills for English	B2 Pass with Merit
Oxford Test of English – Certificate of Proficiency	Overall score of 126 required
International Baccalaureate	Standard Level or Higher Level grade 4 in any of the below modules: English A: Language and Literature English A: Literature English B English Literature and Performance
IGCSE/GCSE/Cambridge O-Level English (as a first or second language)	Grade C or 4 required