

English Language

It is important for all students to have proficient English language skills. You will study with English students who speak quite quickly and often use slang. Also, you will be learning a lot of new technical terms and will need to be able to understand and express new concepts in relation to your chosen subject area. If you have problems with understanding and writing English you will find it very difficult to keep up with your studies and all international students are expected to meet the same assessment and deadline criteria as home students.

Recommended English language entry requirements:

Course level	IELTS overall score	TOEFL Paper test score	TOEFL Internet test score
Masters (Postgraduate)	6.5	575	90 - 91
Higher Education (BA (Hons) or Foundation Degrees)	6.0	550	79 - 80
Preparation for HE/ Further Education courses (Foundation Diploma, NCC or ND)	5.5	525	69 - 70

If you do not achieve the recommended English level for your course we are able to accept students with a minimum scores as stated below, but would emphasize that students who have only achieved the minimum level need to be prepared to undertake self directed study to improve their English.

Minimum English language entry requirements:

Course level	IELTS overall score	TOEFL Paper test score	TOEFL Internet test score
Masters (Postgraduate)	6.0	550	79-80
Higher Education (BA (Hons) or Foundation Degrees)	5.5	525	69-70
Preparation for HE/ Further Education courses (Foundation Diploma, NCC or ND)	5.0	500	59 - 60

Some students will not be required to undertake an IELTS test to prove that they meet the English language entry requirements as their academic qualifications may already be sufficient (for example, the Norwegian Vitnemal with English graded at 4 or higher, or International Baccalaureate Certificate with English at the Higher Level grade 4 are both acceptable entry requirements for students who are applying for Higher Education courses)

English Language Tests

The two main types of English tests are the IELTS (English Language Testing System) and TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language). We would strongly recommend that even if your English level is good you undertake some study prior to taking either of these exams so that you are fully prepared for the method of testing.

If you are undertaking the IELTS test you should ensure that you are taking the *academic* English test rather than the general test.

If you are undertaking a TOEFL test our DI code is 3872 (you will need to give this code to the examiners for them to send your score directly to us).

If obtaining an English language level is a condition of your offer you will be asked to send your results to us by the 31st July. Please be aware that usually the test centers are very busy and the results may take several weeks to reach you, so you will need to take early action to book your test.

Links:

<http://www.ielts.org/> (Details of exam centres near Bournemouth can also be found on this website).

<http://www.uk.toefl.eu/>