

International student entry requirements

We welcome postgraduate applications from candidates offering a range of overseas qualifications. As well as achieving appropriate grades in your examinations, you also need to submit official transcripts of your qualifications translated into English and showing the subjects and grades obtained.

Academic requirements

The programme requirements are listed next to the programme entry in the course finder. To find out what the grade requirements would be for a qualification that you have studied in your own country, please see your individual [country page information \(/International/students/country/index.aspx\)](#).

English language requirements

In order to undertake a programme of study here at the University, you will need to demonstrate that you have a good level of written and spoken English. You can demonstrate your level of English with IELTS or alternative qualifications. The sections below will tell you what grades you need in these qualifications for the subject area you want to study.

Please note: we will no longer be accepting the TOEFL IBT test for September 2015 entry.

IELTS

Academic area	IELTS*	Pearson Test of English (PTE)**	Cambridge English (exams taken from 2015)***
Engineering and Science	6.0 with no less than 5.5 in any band	PTE Academic 51 in all four skills	Cambridge English: Advanced Minimum overall score of 169, with no less than 162 in any component Cambridge English: Advanced Minimum overall score of 169, with no less than 162 in any component
Arts***, Business****, Education (Taught), Health Sciences, Public Policy, Social Sciences	6.5 with no less than 6.0 in any band	PTE Academic 59 in all four skills	Cambridge English: Advanced Minimum overall score of 176, with no less than 169 in any component
Medicine, Dentistry, Research Education, Law (LLM)	7.0 with no less than 6.5 in any band	PTE Academic 67 in all four skills	Cambridge English: Advanced or Cambridge English: Proficiency Minimum overall score of 185, with no less than 176 in any component

* Further information can be found at their website:

<http://takeielts.britishcouncil.org> (<http://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/>)

**Further information on the PTE test and how to register can be found here: <http://pearsonpte.com/PTEAcademic/Pages/home.aspx>

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*** Some postgraduate English programmes may require higher grades. Please see individual course entry requirements for further details.

**** Some Business programmes require higher grades. Please see the [Business School website \(http://www.business.bham.ac.uk\)](http://www.business.bham.ac.uk) for more details.

Some degree programmes have slightly higher requirements than those stated here. When this is so, we will ensure that you are informed using the contact details you have provided on your application. If you have been instructed and assessed in English language at a recognised institution, you may be exempt from these requirements.

English language courses

If you do not have the required level of English or would like to improve your English before the start of the academic year, you can take one of our pre-sessional [English language courses \(/postgraduate/requirements-pgt/international/english-courses.aspx\)](#).

Learn more

For advice on entry requirements or English language requirements for specific courses, you can contact the Admissions Tutor listed against the course entry in the course finder or visit the relevant department's website.

Special requirements

For some courses there are very specific entry requirements concerning a students' fitness to practice their chosen course of study. For information concerning these requirements, please visit the following page which also contains important information concerning the University's conditions of study:

- [Terms and conditions \(/postgraduate/requirements-pgt/international/Terms.aspx\)](#)

