

London South Bank University

English Language Requirements

The list of English Language qualifications recognised by London South Bank University is below. Please be aware these are for guidance only and subject to change. Some courses may have English requirements higher than those listed below. If you have any further questions about what English level you will be required to demonstrate or whether your qualification will be accepted by LSBU as proof of English please email global@lsbu.ac.uk

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International English Language Qualifications accepted by LSBU

Validity: For admissions and CAS purposes, period of validity for all English language certificates is 2 years. For English qualifications taken as part of high school curriculum (such as GCSE, A-levels, IB etc, or other English-language waivers listed below), period of validity is 5 years.

Qualification	Undergraduate degree English language requirements (Except Health courses)	Postgraduate degree English language requirements (Except Postgraduate research degree and Health courses)
IELTS Academic	Overall score: 6.0 (with no component below 5.5)	Overall score: 6.5 (with no component below 5.5)
TOEFL IBT (Internet Based Test)	Overall 80 or 4 in new scoring from 2025 with a minimum of 17 in Listening, and Writing, 18 in Reading and 20 in Speaking or 4.0 in the new scoring system	Overall 90 or 4.5 in new scoring system from 2025 with a minimum of 17 in Listening, 21 in Writing, 18 in Reading and 20 in Speaking or 4.0 in the new scoring system
Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic)	Overall score: 59 (minimum score required in each skill area is 59)	Overall score: 60 (minimum score required in each skill area is 59)
LanguageCert Academic	Overall Score: 65 (with minimum 60 in each component score)	Overall score: 70 (with minimum 60 in each component score)
Oxford Test of English Advanced	130 overall, no component below 111	140 overall, no component below 111

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LanguageCert SELT or International ESOL (IESOL) Exam • B2 Communicator • C1 Expert • C2 Mastery	High Pass Note: for Student Visa the minimum score required in each skill area is 33* (*For C2 Mastery, min score for Listening is 25)	High Pass Note: for Student Visa the minimum score required in each skill area is 33* (*For C2 Mastery, min score for Listening is 25)
University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations: • First Certificate in English (FCE) • Cambridge Advanced (CAE) • Cambridge Proficiency (CPE)	Overall score: 169 with no score below 162	Overall score: 180 with no score below 162
Trinity ISE	Pass ISE II with Distinction in all 4 components	Pass ISE III with 'Pass' in all 4 components
A-Level/ AS-Level English Language	Grade C or above	Grade C or above
GCSE / O-Level English Language (Edexcel/Cambridge Overseas exam boards)	Grade C or above Grade 4 or above	Grade C or above Grade 4 or above
IGCSE English as a Second Language/First Language English (Cambridge Assessment)	Grade C or above	Grade C or above
Cambridge Overseas School Certificate (COSC)	Grade C or above	Grade C or above
Scottish Advanced Higher/Higher/National 5 English	Grade C or above	Grade C or above
International Baccalaureate Diploma English A	HL 4 SL 5	HL 4 SL 5
International Baccalaureate Diploma English B	HL 5	HL 5
ELLT Global (ELLT Digital is not accepted)	Overall score: 6.0 (with no component below 5)	Overall score: 7.0 (with no component below 5)
AIC (Aryan International College)	Overall score 6.0 (no component below 5.5)	Overall score 6.5 (with no component below 5.5)
Duolingo English Test	Overall score 120 (with no component below 105)	Overall score 120 (with no component below 105)
Kaplan Test of English	Overall 470 - no component lower than 425	Overall 500 - no component lower than 425
Skills for English SELT (in-person test)	Skills for English UKVI B2 (4SB2 4 component test) – Pass in all components	Skills for English UKVI B2 (4SB2 4 component test) – Pass with Merit in all components

International Region/ Country-specific English language waivers

Validity: For admissions and CAS purposes, period of validity for all Country-specific English language waivers is 5 years.**

Country / Region	Qualification	Bachelors
Bulgaria	Secondary School Diploma	5.5 in National English exam or above in English
Canada	Canadian Secondary School Certificate English Language module (Ontario only)	Grade 10 English above 60%
Czech Republic	Maturitni Zkouska / Vysvedceni o Matuitni Zkousce	2 or above in English
Denmark	HF/HHX/HTX/STX	at least mark of 7 in English
Estonia	Gumnaasumi Loputunnistus	75% in English in state exam (level B2)
Finland	Ylioppilastutkintodistus/ Studentexamen	5 or above magna cum laude in English
France	in French Baccalaureate or OIB	14/20 in English
Germany	Abitur and DAAD	Level C1 in the DAAD Abitur 11 in English as a intensive/main course
Ghana	WAEC, NECO ** No validity	C6 or above
Greece	Apolyterion	18/20 in English in final average
Hong Kong	Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)	An overall score of 4 with a minimum of 3 in each component
Hungary	Advanced Level Matura (Erettsegi)	Grade 4 in English or English language requirements

Country / Region	Qualification	Bachelors	Masters
India	Standard XII English ** Accepted up to 10 years	ICSE, CBSE and Maharashtra exam boards- 65% in English required to forego any form of test (IELTS). For all other exam boards, the requirement in English is 70%. We do not waive English language under any circumstances for those who have studied under the Punjab School Education Board. *Note: students with very high grades from other state exam boards may also be considered	
Kenya	Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE)	Grade C or above	Grade C or above
Latvia	Atestatas par visparejo videjo izglitību	8 or above in English in the Atestāts	Not accepted
Lithuania	Brandos Atestatas or English State Exam	8 or above in English (Level B2) Brandos Atestatas or 75% in English State exam	Not accepted
Malaysia	Malaysia SPM (Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia) (Malaysia Certificate of Education)	Grades 6C/6/C or above in English (Syllabus 1119 only)	Grades 6C/6/C or above in English (Syllabus 1119 only)
Netherlands	Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs (VWO) (Gymnasium A/B and Atheneum A/B) diploma	7 or above in English	Not accepted
Nigeria	WAEC, NECO ** No validity	C6 or above	C6 or above
Norway	Vitnemal	4 or above in English	Not accepted
Poland	Matura	Minimum 70% in the advanced/extended English in the Matura	Minimum 80% in the advanced/extended English in the Matura

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Portugal	Diploma Nível Secundário de Educação/Certificado Nível Secundário de Educação/ Certificado de fim de Estudos Secundários/Certidão do Décimo Segundo Ano	Pass with a 16 in English	Not accepted
Romania	Diploma de Bacalaureat	Minimum level B2 in all 5 components of English	Not accepted
Slovakia	Maturita/Vysvedcenie o Maturinej Skuske	2 or above in English	Not accepted
South Africa	South Africa National Senior Certificate	Grade C or above in First Language English or Home Language	Grade C or above in First Language English or Home Language
Sweden	Slutbetyg fran Komvux/ Avgangsbetyg	Minimum grade VG / C in English course B / 6	Not accepted
Uganda	Uganda Certificate of Education (UCE) ** No validity	Grade C or above	Grade C or above
USA	High School Graduation Diploma (for applicants that have studied in the US, not accepted for International schools)	English Grade C or above (where English has been studied to Grade 12)	English Grade C or above (where English has been studied to Grade 12)
West Africa	WAEC, NECO ** No validity	C6 or above	C6 or above