

## English Language Requirements for Oxford Brookes

To meet the university's English language requirements you will need to have one of the acceptable language qualifications listed below, **unless you are from an English speaking country**. These are the countries designated as English speaking:

- Antigua and Barbuda
- Australia
- Bahamas
- Barbados
- Belize
- Canada
- Dominica
- Granada
- Guyana
- Jamaica
- New Zealand
- St Kitts and Nevis
- St Lucia
- St Vincent and the Grenadines
- Trinidad and Tobago
- UK Inc. Wales, Scotland, England, Ireland (all regions)
- US

### Notes:

- Proof of nationality does not need to be provided. Please use the information provided by the student during the initial registration process.
- A degree from a non-English speaking majority country is not acceptable for meeting OXB English language requirements either as individual modules studied within the degree or a Bachelor in English for example.
- A student whose nationality is not from one of the English speaking majority countries who is studying for a degree within one of the English speaking majority countries above is suitable as meeting OXB English language requirements. In addition, a part complete degree would also meet OXB English language requirements.
- ACCA's FIA qualification does not meet OXB English language requirements.
- Student's holding a qualification from a professional body do not meet OXB English language requirements.
- OBU position is that if a qualification is taught in English at a campus of the UK Institution it is acceptable – a programme validate or accredited and taught at an institution other than the UK University is not acceptable.

A pass in GCSE English Literature.

A pass in UK O level English at grade C or above.

Malta, Sri Lanka, Tanzania and Uganda - O Levels and A Levels for the following countries meet EP (with the appropriate grade in English or alternative subjects same as UK guidelines)

A pass in either A Level in subjects which require a good comprehension of English, e.g. British Constitution, British Government, Communication Studies, Law, Economics, General Studies, History, Philosophy, Psychology, Religious Studies, Sociology, Pakistan Studies, Islamic Studies/Islamiyat and Business Studies.

University of Cambridge International Examinations – GCE, Advanced Subsidiary and Advanced Level in English (same grade structure for UK A & O level)

Matriculation and Secondary Education Certificate Examination Board – University of Malta – Matriculation Examination – A level subjects in English – Grade A – E.

Botswana, Kenya, Nigeria, Zimbabwe Uganda, South Africa Malawi, Tanzania, Sierra Leone, Ghana, Students from the following countries meet the EP requirement if they have a recognised tertiary qualification ie the institution is on the ACCA exemption database (including part complete) with the exception of a professional qualification eg ICAN, ICAP etc

Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education – English in Grade A – C.

All India Senior School Certificate Examination – 65% in English

India - Indian 12th standard in English at 60%

India - Higher Secondary Examination Certificate from Kerala standard in English at 60%

Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education in English – Grade A - C

College English Test – Band 6, China (CET-6) – minimum mark of 400.

Subject College English taken within higher education in China (this subject can also be accepted when the module is submitted with a part complete qualification if the module is listed as passed on the transcript)

Israel - Bagrut with 80% (8/10) in Unit 3 English

Nigeria, Ghana, Gambia and Sierra Leone - WASSCE, West African Senior Secondary Certificate of Education (C6 in English)

Nigeria – NECO (C6 in English)

University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate – General paper (Pass at O or A)

University of Cambridge ESOL – Business Education Certificate (BEC) – Higher Level.

Malaysian University English Test (MUET) – Bands 4, 5 or 6.

A pass at Malaysian SPM at grade C or above. Please look for 'Bahasa Inggeris' on the students transcript.

Mauritius - CIE Joint Examination for The School Certificate and GCE O-level A-C comparable to GCSE grades A\*-C

Mauritius - CIE Joint Examination for The Higher School Certificate and GCE A-level comparable to British A-levels on a grade by grade basis.

Certificate of Attainment in English, University of London – providing at least Grade 4 has been achieved.  
Irish Leaving Certificate (lowers) – Grade D is also acceptable as a pass.

LCCI - English Language Skills Assessment (ELSA) – (with an acceptable writing score within the range 77 – 85 and an acceptable Reading score within the range 155 – 211).

ACCA qualification paper F4 – Corporate and Business Law (last EP acceptable session June 2014)  
Internally assessed ACCA Paper 1.3 or F4 (2007 syllabus).

CAT – (Technician Graduate) – last EP acceptable session June 2011, from Dec 2011

FIA does **not** meet EP.

**Qualification**  
**IELTS / UKVI -IELTS**

- 6.5 overall with 6.0 in reading and writing, 5.5 in listening and speaking for Law, Psychology, Architecture, English, Accounting and Finance

**An IELTS / UKVI -IELTS certificate is only valid for 2 years.**

**Pearson Test of English (PTE)**

- 58 overall with 51 in reading and writing, 51 in listening and speaking for Law, Psychology, Architecture, English Language and Communication, English, Accounting and Finance

**A PTE Academic score is only valid for 2 years**

**International Foundation Diploma**

Pass the IFD with 55% overall

**University English**

- Level 2 with an average mark of 60%, plus 60% in reading and writing
- Level 3 with an average of 40%
- Level 4 with an average of 40%

**University English is a one semester course run by Oxford Brookes International**

**“A” Level in a Social Sciences or Humanities subject**

Grade C or above

**Cambridge Certificate in Advanced OXB Minimum requirements English (CAE) English (CAE)**

Grade B or above

**Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency OXB Minimum Requirements in English (CPE)**

Grade B or above

**Cambridge International Certificate OXB Minimum Requirements in Financial English (ICFE)**

Grade C1 or above

**London tests of English**

Level 3 (International Diploma only)  
Level 4 (undergraduate and postgraduate courses)  
Level 5 (Law and Psychology)

**London Chamber of Commerce and Industry Examination Board (LCCI)**

English for Business Course – pass Level 3  
English for Commerce – pass Level 3

**Advanced Placement International Examination (APIEL)**

Score of 4 or 5 English Language

**Cambridge English: First  
(also known as First Certificate in English)**

**Cambridge English: Business Vantage (also known as Business English Certificate Vantage)**

**Cambridge English: Business Higher (also known as Business English Certificate Higher)**

Level B2 – Pass at Grade B or C and:  
Listening, speaking, reading and writing -  
Borderline

Level C1 – Pass at Grade A and: Listening,  
reading, writing and speaking – Exceptional

Level C2 – Pass at Grade A and: Listening,  
writing, reading and speaking – Exceptional

**Cambridge English: Preliminary  
(also known as Preliminary English)**

**Cambridge English: Business Preliminary (also known as Business English Certificate Preliminary)**

Level B2 – Pass with Distinction and:  
Listening, speaking, reading and writing -  
Exceptional

**Cambridge English: Key (also known as Key English Test)**

Level A1 – Pass and:  
Listening, reading, speaking, writing - Weak

Level A2 – Pass or Pass with Merit and:  
listening, speaking, reading, writing –  
Borderline

**Cambridge English Legal (also known as International Legal English Certificate)**

Level B2 – Pass and:  
Listening, speaking, reading and writing-  
Borderline

Level C1 – Pass or Pass with Merit and:  
Listening, speaking, reading writing – Good

**ESOL Skills for Life Level 1 Level B2**

Reading – Pass  
Writing – Pass  
Speaking and Listening – Pass  
For Speaking and Listening: Speak to  
Communicate – Borderline Listen and  
Respond – Borderline Engage in Discussion –  
Borderline

**ESOL Skills for Life Level 1 Level C1**

Reading – Pass  
Writing – Pass  
Speaking and Listening – Pass  
For Speaking and Listening: Speak to  
Communicate – Borderline Listen and  
Respond – Borderline Engage in Discussion –  
Borderline

**BULATS Online  
(certificated version)**

Level B2  
Reading – 60 Listening – 60  
Speaking – CEFR B2  
Writing – CEFR B2  
Level C1  
Reading – 75 Listening – 75  
Speaking – CEFR C1  
Writing – CEFR C1  
Level C2  
Reading – 90 Listening – 90 Speaking – 90  
Writing – 90

**Cambridge IGCSE English as a  
Second Language**

Level B2  
Reading and Writing  
Reading – Grade D Writing – Grade D  
Oral (Speaking) – Grade C or Grade 2  
Listening – Grade A

**City and Guilds International  
Speaking and Listening IESOL  
Diploma at A1 level**

Level A1 (spouse/partner)  
Listening - Pass  
Speaking – Pass

**City and Guilds International ESOL  
(IESOL) Diploma**

Level A1 (spouse/partner)  
Listening – Pass  
Speaking – Pass

**City and Guilds International ESOL  
(IESOL) Diploma**

Level B2 (all other categories)  
Listening – Pass  
Speaking – Pass Reading – Pass Writing – Pass

**Entry Level Certificate in ESOL  
Skills for Life (awarded by  
Trinity College London)**

Entry level 1 – A1  
Reading - pass  
Listening – pass  
Speaking - pass Writing – pass

Entry level 2 – A2 Reading - pass Listening - pass  
Speaking - pass Writing – pass

Entry Level 3 – B1 Reading - pass Listening –  
pass Speaking – pass Writing - pass

**Level 1 Certificate in ESOL Skills  
for life (Trinity College London)**

Level 1 – B2  
Reading – pass  
Listening - pass Speaking - pass Writing – pass

Level 2 – C1  
Reading - pass  
Listening - pass Speaking - pass Writing – pass

**Integrated Skills in English  
(Trinity College London)**

ISE0 – Level A1  
Reading – pass  
Listening – pass Speaking – pass Writing –  
pass

ISEI  
Reading - pass Listening - pass Speaking –  
pass Writing – pass

ISEII  
Reading - pass Listening - pass Speaking - pass  
Writing – pass

ISEIII  
Reading - pass Listening - pass Speaking - pass  
Writing – pass

ISEIV  
Reading - pass Listening - pass Speaking - pass  
Writing – pass

**Graded Examinations in Spoken  
English (Trinity College London)**

Level A1 - GESE Grade 2 pass in speaking  
and listening (Spouses & Partners)

Level A2 - GESE Grade 3 or above Pass in  
speaking and listening

Level B1 - GESE Grade 5 or above Pass in  
speaking and listening

**Appendix 1 - European Framework Levels**

C Proficient User	C2
	C1
B Independent User	B2
	B1
A Basic User	A2
	A1