

English Language Entry Requirements

Country Specific Qualifications

Note: The qualifications and levels stated below will be accepted for entry to GCU programmes that normally require IELTS 6.0 with 5.5 in all components, unless stated otherwise below, or an equivalent level in an alternative Secure English Language Test (SELT). Students who wish to join a programme with an English language requirement of 7.0 must provide a SELT result/certificate as evidence of English

Countries & Test	Minimum Score Required
Nigeria, Ghana, The Gambia and Liberia - West African Education Certificate (WAEC)* (in English Language)	C / 6 ^{2**}
National Examinations Council (NECO)* (in English Language)	C6***

*These must be WAEC/NECO certificates, rather than a general High School certificate

**C / 6² WAEC score also acceptable for programmes that require an IELTS score of 6.5 with no element below 6

***C5 grade in NECO acceptable for programmes that require an IELTS score of 6.5 with no element below 5.5

Kenya – KCSE English Language	Grade C
Botswana – Batswana GCSE / O-Level English Language	Grade C
India – XII Standard in English Language	70% or higher
Malaysia – SPM 119	Grade C (grade 6) or higher*

*Grade C in SPM 119 also acceptable for programmes that require an IELTS score of 6.5 with no element below 6

Hong Kong – HKDSE English Language	Level 4*
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*Level 5 in HKDSE English Language acceptable for programmes that require an IELTS score of 6.5

South Africa – National Senior Certificate “English” / “English Home Language”	Grade C / 5 or above
Malta – Intermediate or Advanced Matriculation exams	Successful Completion
Singapore – Singapore GCSE English Singapore A Level English	Grade C Grade D
Austria – Matura/Reifeprüfung (English written & oral exams)	2 (gut)
Belgium - Diploma van secundair onderwijs Certificat d’enseignement Secondaire Supérieur (in English language)	8 out of 10 / 80% / grote onderscheiding / grande distinction
Denmark and Faroe Islands – Studentereksamen Højere Forberedels-Eksamen (in English language)	7 (levels A or B)
Finland – Ylippilastutkinto / Studentexamen matriculation exam (in English Language)	5 (magna cm laude approbatur)
France – Diplôme du Baccaauréat Général (in English Language) Baccalaureat (International Option) (OIB)	14 (bien) 12
Germany – Abitur (in English Language) Fachhochschulreife (in English Language)	10 (gut) 2 (gut)
Iceland – Studentsprof Matriculation Exam (in English Language)	8 (when taken as a compulsory modern language)

Cambridge/Edexcel IGCSE (English as a First Language)	Grade C with no individual score below D
International Baccalaureate	Grade 4
Ireland – Irish Higher English	Grade C
Netherlands – Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs (VWO) Diploma (in English Language)	8 (goed)
Norway – Vitnemal Videregående Opplaering (in English Language)	4
Scotland – SQA Higher ESOL SQA Higher History SQA Higher English	Grade C or above
Sweden – Avgångsbetyg Slutbetyg från Gymnasieskola (in English Language)	A or MVG
Switzerland – Maturitatzugnis Certificat de Maturite Attestato de Maturita (in English Language)	5 (gut/bien/bene)
United Kingdom – AS Level in English Language/Literature Cambridge O Level English Edexcel O Level English	Grade C
A Level English Language/Literature	Grade D

Majority English-Speaking Countries

Nationals of a majority English-speaking country or individuals who have undertaken degree level study in a majority English-speaking country may be exempt from further English language requirements. Majority English-speaking countries are defined by the UKVI as:

- Antigua and Barbuda
- Australia
- The Bahamas
- Barbados
- Belize
- Canada
- Dominica
- Grenada
- Guyana
- Jamaica
- New Zealand
- St Kitts and Nevis
- St Lucia
- St Vincent and the Grenadines
- Trinidad and Tobago
- United States of America

Please note that in cases where a more recent Secure English Language (SELT) demonstrates that an applicant does not meet the English Language level we require, we will not be able to accept any previously obtained qualifications listed above.

In addition to the above, there are a variety of pre-sessional English qualifications, as well as studies in selected countries, which we are able to accept. These are generally assessed on a case-by-case basis however, so please provide full details when submitting an application. INTO GCU offers a range of pre-sessional programmes for students who do not meet the University's standard English Language entry requirements. For further information on pre-sessional programmes that will prepare you for entry to your chosen programme, please contact us at studentenquiries@gcu.ac.uk.

Please note that these are our standard English language requirements, and that many programmes require higher levels. Please consult the relevant programme page on our website or contact us at studentenquiries@gcu.ac.uk for further details of programme-specific English language requirements.