

2.2 English language requirements

In order to undertake an exchange programme at the University, exchange students and Study Abroad students will need to demonstrate a suitable level of English proficiency.

To assess the student's English language level we will look at the following:

- If the Nationality of the student is from a recognised English Speaking Country, no proof of English language proficiency is required (UKVI exempt list). Full list of UKVI English Speaking countries is available on our website. Canadian Nationals are an exception and do not need a proof of English.
- If the institution is from a country outside this list, and outside the EU, the student must provide an Approved English test if they are applying for a T4 visa
- If a non-EU national applies for a Short Term Study Visa (STSV) and his/her Nationality is from a country outside the English Speaking Country (UKVI list), the student will need to provide an Approved English test even if they are studying at a current partner in English.
- When the student has an EU Nationality and is from one of our European partners, (no VISA required) we will look at the English level achieved by the student at the end of his/her secondary education, and request a specific grade as indicated in the table below per country (eg. A French student must have achieved 14/20 in English at the French Baccaureat as this is deemed to be equivalent to a B2 level of English). A full list of qualifications for each country partner is available in the table below.
- Should the student not have an English grade as part of his/her end of secondary education qualification, or have failed the requested grade, we can also accept an official Certificate produced by the home institution and signed by the student's academic tutor, certifying that the student's standard of English language is high and **at least equivalent to B2 level** based on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. This Certificate must be produced on the home institution letterhead paper—and uploaded with the application. This acceptance flexibility is only acceptable for EU Nationals.
- As part of the nomination process, the institution will confirm the English level of the student on the nomination form.

Individual country qualifications and grades accepted as proof of English level:

Partner Country	Qualification	Minimum score/grade required in 'English' subject
Austria	Matura/Reifeprüfung	2 (written and oral)
Belgium	Getuigschrift Van Hoger Secundair Onderwijs/ Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire Superieur/ Abschlusszeugnis der Oberstufe des Sekundarunterrichts	7.5 or 75%
Czech Republic	Partner Institutions must produce a Certificate certifying the English language level for each student as explained above. Failing this, students must meet the standard <u>English language requirements</u>	<i>High school certificate may be considered comparable to BTEC Level 3 Diploma / Extended Diploma standard if awarded from vocational or technological schools.</i> This statement is provided as guidance by UK

		NARIC, and is not the result of an individual assessment
Denmark	Studentereksamen	10
Finland	Ylioppilastutkinto/ Studentexamen	5
France	Baccalauréat	14/20
Germany	Abitur	10
Greece	Partner Institutions must produce a Certificate certifying the English language level for each students as explained above.	TBC
Italy	Diploma di Esame di Stato	13/15 or 8/10
Netherlands	Voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs (vwo)	8
Norway	Vitnemål fra den Videregående Skole	5
Portugal	Diploma Nível Secundário de Educação / Certificado Nível Secundário de Educação	10
Spain	“6/10 in English Language I in the European Baccalureat or 8/10 in English Language II in the European Baccalaureate”	8
Sweden	Fullständigt Slutbetyg från Gymnasieskolan/ Slutbetyg från Komvux/ Avgangsbetyg	VG
Switzerland	Certificat de Maturité Federale / Maturitätszeugnis/ Attestato Di Maturità	5
Turkey	Lise Diploması	60/100

- Any students applying from outside Europe who need a VISA, and any other student not entering the two categories above must meet the Standard English Language requirements by producing a Certificate of English proficiency such as IELTS or TOEFL as below.

English Proficiency Tests Accepted by the University of Birmingham		
Name of Test	Minimum Grade/Score required	Notes
IELTS	6.0 overall for group A	No less than 5.5 in any one component (Group A):

	6.5 overall for group B Group C	No less than 6.0 in any one component (Group B): Group C only applies to the School of LAW however we will accept 6.5 overall like group B. http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/undergraduate/requirements/international/index.aspx
TOEFL iBT	80 overall for Group A 88 overall for Group B Group C	With no less than 19 in Reading, 19 in Listening, 21 in Speaking and 19 in Writing No less than 21 in Reading, 20 in listening, 22 in speaking, and 21 in Writing Group C only applies to the School of LAW however we will accept 88 overall like Group B. http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/undergraduate/requirements/international/index.aspx
International Baccalaureate English	5	Standard or Higher Level, First of Second language
University of Birmingham pre-sessional English language course	PASS	If students do not have the required level of English or would like to improve their English before the start of the academic year, they can take one of our pre-sessional English language courses. These are courses students must pay for, and they have to be taken here at the University of Birmingham before commencing the year or term of study abroad.