English Language Requirements

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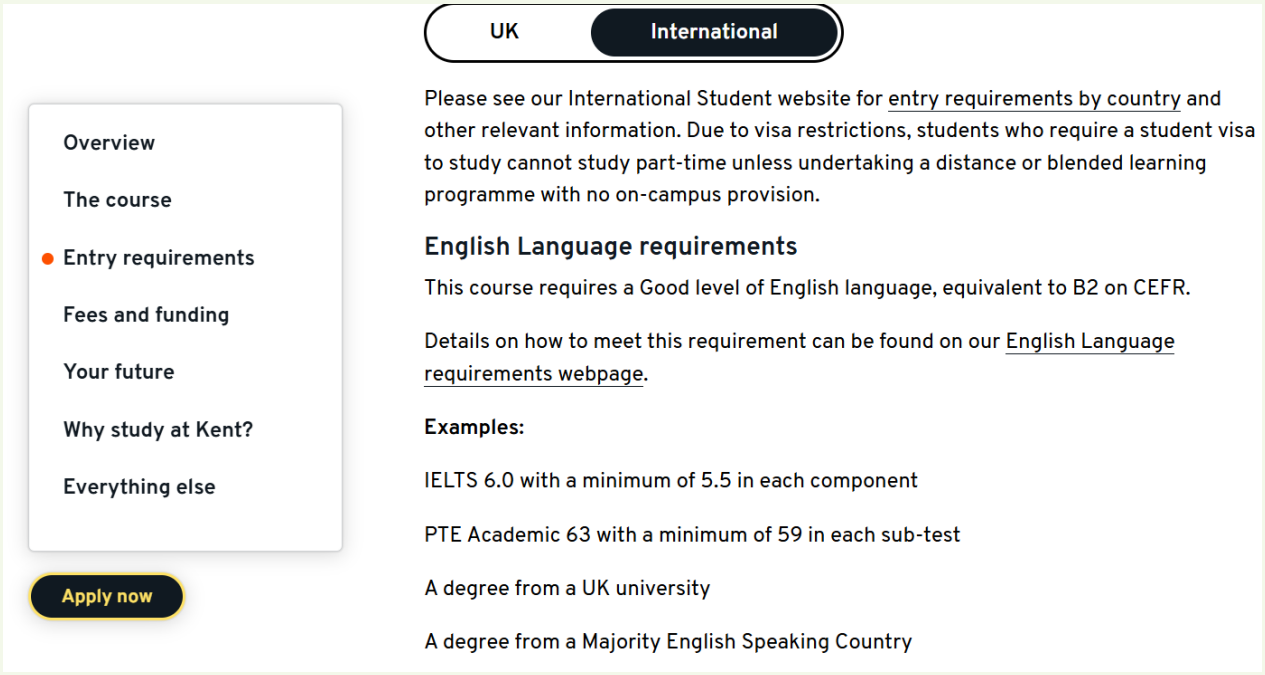
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Meeting the English Language Requirements

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- To study at the University of Kent, international students must be able to demonstrate proficiency in English language
- Students who require a visa to study in the UK must meet the language requirements set by both the university and UKVI
- Please check the website carefully to check the requirements for the chosen course, as requirements can differ between courses
- Applicants do not need evidence of English language at the time of application – they can provide this after submitting the application as long as the condition is met by the deadline



Ways to Meet the English Language Condition

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- ✓ Nationals of Majority English-speaking countries (UKVI list)
- ✓ Qualifications including UK and international examinations
- ✓ Medium of Instruction letters for degrees taught entirely in English (ECCTIS verification required)
- ✓ SELT (secure English language tests)
- ✓ Pre-sessional English programmes

Level	CEFR	IELTS Equivalent
Good	B2	6.0 with a minimum of 5.5 in each component
Very Good	B2	6.5 with a minimum of 5.5 in each component
Excellent	C1	7.0 with a minimum of 7.0 in each component

CEFR levels and IELTS equivalent

UKVI Majority English-Speaking Countries

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Students who are a national of a majority English-speaking country (according to UKVI guidelines) may use their secondary school, high school, college, or university qualifications to meet the English language requirements

Antigua and Barbuda	Ireland
Australia	Jamaica
The Bahamas	Malta
Barbados	New Zealand
Belize	St Kitts and Nevis
British Overseas Territories*	St Lucia
Canada (nationals only)	St Vincent and the Grenadines
Dominica	Trinidad and Tobago
Grenada	UK**
Guyana	USA

Accepted Qualifications

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A Level, GCSE, and IB can be considered if studying at a recognised international school

Validity: qualifications have different validity periods. Please check our English Language Requirements webpage to learn how long the qualifications are valid for

- **GCE A Level:** Grade C or above in English Language or English Literature
- **GCE AS Level:** Grade C or above in English Language or English Literature
- **GCSE:** Grade 4/C or above in English Language
- **International Baccalaureate (IB) Higher Level:** Grade 5 or above at higher level in one of the following subjects:
  - English A: Language and Literature
  - English A: Literature
  - English Language B
- **International Baccalaureate (IB) Standard Level:** Grade 5 or above at standard level in one of the following:
  - English A: English Language and Literature
  - English A: Literature
  - English Literature and Performance
  - **OR** Grade 7 at Standard Level in English Language B

Accepted Qualifications

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Other accepted qualifications include:

- WAEC/WASSCE
- Standard XII
- Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE)
- National Senior Certificate
- Uganda Certificate of Education
- AP English

Please note that holding these qualifications **does not guarantee** an exemption from the English language condition – every application is assessed on a case-by-case basis

Please see our website for a full list of accepted qualifications, along with the required level and validity period.

Approved English Language Tests

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Some courses will require a higher level of English language proficiency e.g. Law, Social Work, Pharmacy, MBA

IELTS 6.0 overall (with a minimum of 5.5 in all components)	**Pearson PTE Academic** 63 overall with 59 in each subtest	**TOEFL iBT** **Before 21 Jan 26:** 80 overall (with a minimum of 20 in R; 19 in W&L; 22 in S) **After 21 Jan 26:** 4 overall (with a minimum of 4 in each component)	**Oxford English Language Test (ELLT) Global** 6.0 overall with no component lower than 5.0
Cambridge B2 First Certificate Grade C with a minimum of 165 in each sub-test	**NCUK English for Academic Purposes (EAP)** Grade C overall with a minimum of D in each sub-test	**TOEFL iBT Special Home Edition** **Before 21 Jan 26:** 80 overall (with a minimum of 20 in R; 19 in W&L; 22 in S) **After 21 Jan 26:** 4 overall with a minimum of 4 in each component	**LanguageCert International ESOL SELT** Listening: 35/50 Reading: 35/50 Writing: 35/50 Speaking: 35/50

Tests must be taken **no more than 2 years prior to the course start date*
***To achieve a **Good** level of English language*

Medium of Instruction (MOI)

Applicants that are not nationals of a UKVI recognised majority English speaking country, with a degree **not** from a UK university will require an **English language and academic qualification assessment Statement from ECCTIS,** in addition to the **degree certificate** and a **letter confirming medium of instruction.**

Applicants can apply for this using the Ecctis UKVI website.

Applicants for **January 2027** entry who purchase ECCTIS verification and continue to register at Kent will be refunded the cost of their ECCTIS statement

Kent Pre-sessional English Courses

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- Available for students, both undergraduate and postgraduate, who do not meet the language requirements for their course
- Courses run **for 6, 10, and 16 weeks** (depending on IELTS score)
- Offered both on campus and online
- Allows students to develop skills in academic reading, writing and critical thinking, listening to lectures, speaking in seminars and delivering presentations
- At the end of the course, students take the Kent International Test of English. They must meet the required exit level to progress onto their main programme
- Applications for pre-sessional programmes can be submitted **via agent portal**
- Fees range between **£3,200 (6 weeks)** to **£6,800 (16 weeks)**
- Accommodation available

Combined CAS offered for eligible students with a minimum IELTS 5.5 in all skills.

Students applying for the 6-week and 10-week course may meet this requirement.

Students need to have met all conditions on the offer for their main programme, except English language, to be eligible for the combined CAS

Pre-sessional English

Kent English Language Test (KELT) & Duolingo English Tests

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The KELT is a free, university run English assessment designed to help international applicants meet their offer conditions quickly and accessibly, without the barriers of external testing.

Please note that KELT is accepted only by the University of Kent and that the certificate cannot be used to meet another university's English language requirements. You do not need to book or contact us to book the KELT. Eligible applicants will be contacted (eligibility criteria applies)

Duolingo English Test as long as it is achieved no more than 2 years before the start of the course.

Things to note…

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- Applicants do not need to have met the English language requirements prior to submitting their application.
- We do recommend meeting language conditions as early as possible. This allows time for re-takes or application to pre-sessional courses if required.
- Check the website for course requirements – some programmes have higher entry requirements.
- Remember that every qualification or language test has a specific validity period – please check the website for this information.
- As well as meeting the course requirements it is important that applicants meet the English language requirements for UKVI visas.

English language requirements

Deadlines

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January 2027:

11 December 2026: Last date for applicants to meet all conditions including English language

September 2027:

8 September 2027: Last date for applicants to meet all conditions including English language

Admissions deadlines

Applicants from Pakistan & Bangladesh

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- Following recent feedback from UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI), we now require all applicants from Pakistan to take an English language test in-person, at an authorised test centre. The tests we can accept are:
- IELTS Academic or IELTS for UKVI (not online)
- TOEFL
- Pearson

Please note, 30 November 2026 (23:59 GMT) - Last date for applicants from Pakistan and Bangladesh to meet all admissions conditions and accept their offer - must be Unconditional Firm by this date

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Thank you

Any questions?

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