

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	Postgraduate degree English language requirements (for 'MSc with Internship' requirements, please see below)
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 score: 80 <i>Minimum scores required in each skill area are:</i> Reading: 18 Listening: 17 Writing: 17 Speaking: 20	Overall score: 90 <i>Minimum scores required in each skill area are:</i> Reading: 18 Listening: 17 Writing: 17 Speaking: 20
Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic)	Overall score: 52 (minimum score required in each skill area is 51)	Overall score: 60 (minimum score required in each skill area is 51)

Qualification	Undergraduate degree English language requirements	Postgraduate degree English language requirements (for MSc with Internship requirements, please see below)
LanguageCert SELT or International ESOL (IESOL) Exam <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
Password	Overall score: 6.0	Overall score: 6.5
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

English Language Qualifications accepted by LSBU in light of COVID 19

We are aware of the disruption caused to many applicants with regard to the accessibility of test centres for IELTS and many other exams as a result of COVID-19. We accept the following tests for entry to undergraduate and postgraduate courses for September 2021 and January 2022, until further notice:

Qualification	Undergraduate degree English language requirements	Postgraduate degree English language requirements (for 'MSc with Internship' requirements, please see below)
Duolingo English Test (Accepted for Sep 21 only; not accepted for Jan 22 onwards)	110 Note: <i>Applicants minimum score required in each skill area is 85</i>	120 Note: Applicants minimum score required in each skill area is 85
LanguageCert	B2 Communicator High Pass or above	B2 Communicator High Pass or above
LanguageCert International ESOL (IESOL) Exam - Online version 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)
TOEFL iBT home edition	Overall score: 80 Note: the minimum scores required in each skill area are: Reading: 18 Listening: 17 Writing: 17 Speaking: 20	Overall score: 90 Note: the minimum scores required in each skill area are: Reading: 18 Listening: 17 Writing: 17 Speaking: 20
IELTS indicator (IELTS online version)	6.0 (minimum score required in each skill area is 5.5)	6.5 (minimum score required in each skill area is 5.5)
ELLT (English Language Level Test - OIETC)	B2+ with B2 in each band	C1 with B2+ in each band

English Language Qualifications accepted by LSBU Business School for 'MSc with Internship' courses

Tests accepted for MSc+ internship courses:	Accepted English tests for 'MSc with Internship' courses	The following tests are not accepted for 'MSc with Internship'
Academic IELTS (including IELTS Indicator)	Min 5.5 in Listening and Reading, min 6.0 in Speaking and Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duolingo • Password • National Qualifications (such as A-levels, GCSE, IB, WAEC, Standard 12 etc)
TOEFL (including 'TOEFL at home')	TOEFL IBT - Overall score: 90 Reading: 18 Listening: 17 Writing: 21 Speaking: 20	
PTE Academic	Overall score: 60 (minimum score required in each skill area is 51)	
LanguageCert SELT or International ESOL (Online version also accepted) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B2 Communicator • C1 Expert • C2 Mastery 	'High Pass' Overall (Minimum score required in each skill area is 33*) (*For C2 Mastery, min score for Listening is 25)	

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	Masters (for MSc with Internship requirements, please see below)
Bulgaria	Secondary School Diploma	5.5 in National English exam or above in English	Not accepted
Canada	Canadian Secondary School Certificate English Language module (Ontario only)	Grade 10 English above 60%	Grade 10 English above 60%
Czech Republic	Maturitni Zkouska / Vysvedceni o Matuitni Zkousce	2 or above in English	Not accepted
Denmark	HF/HHX/HTX/STX	at least mark of 7 in English	Not accepted
Estonia	Gumnaasumi Loputunnistus	75% in English in state exam (level B2)	Not accepted
Finland	Ylioppilastutkintotodistus/ Studentexamen	5 or above magna cum laude in English	Not accepted
France	in French Bacallaureate or OIB	14/20 in English	Not accepted
Germany	Abitur and DAAD	Level C1 in the DAAD Abitur 11 in English as a intensive/ main course	Level C1 in the DAAD
Ghana	WAEC, NECO	C6 or above	C6 or above
Greece	Apolyterion	18/20 in English in final average	Not accepted
Hong Kong	Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)	An overall score of 4 with a minimum of 3 in each component	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	Not accepted

Country / Region	Qualification	Bachelors	Masters
India	Standard XII English	<p>ICSE, CBSE and Maharashtra exam boards- 65% in English required to forego any form of test (IELTS).</p> <p>For all other exam boards, the requirement in English is 70%.</p> <p>We do not waive English language under any circumstances for those who have studied under the Punjab School Education Board.</p> <p>*Note: students with very high grades from other state exam boards may also be considered</p>	
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	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
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

Country / Region	Qualification	Bachelors	Masters
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)	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	C6 or above	C6 or above