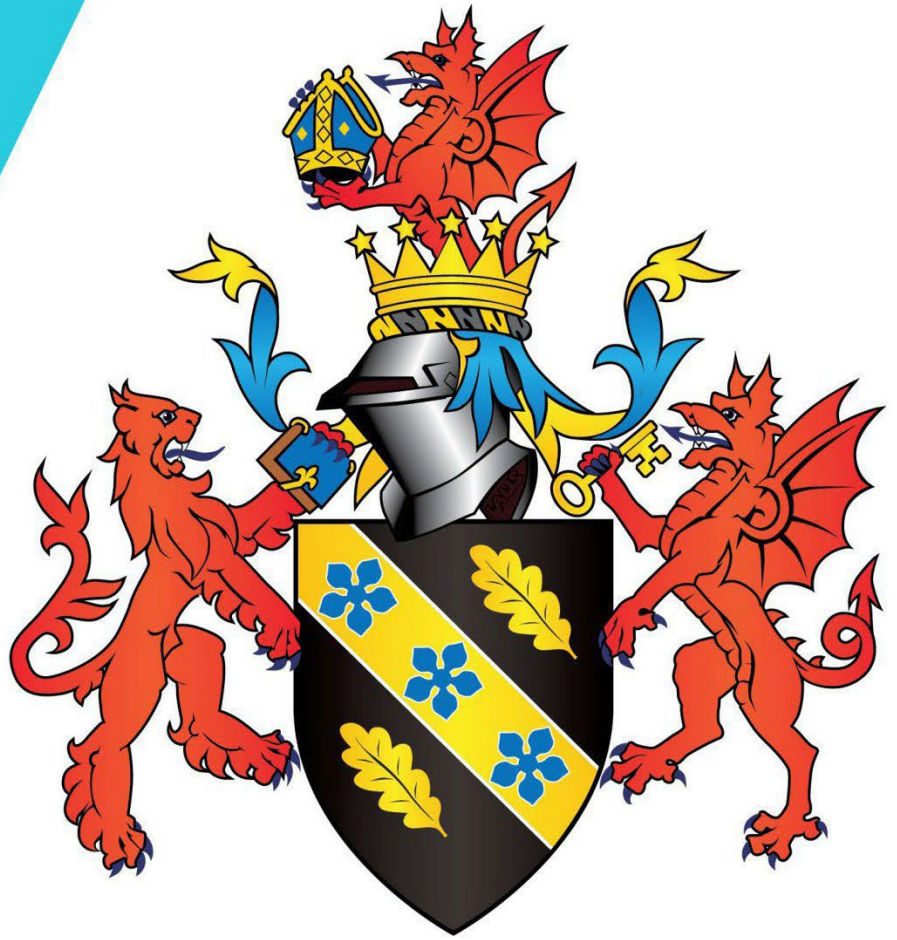




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## 1. Introduction

This policy outlines the range of ways in which the English language entry requirements of the University of Wales Trinity Saint David (UWTSD) may be satisfied by international students studying in the UK and online for the purpose of academic study leading to an award of the University. In addition, candidates may also be required to satisfy any government-set English language requirements: for example, for study in the UK, candidates will be required to evidence that they meet the requirements of the UK Visas and Immigration (“UKVI”). The University reserves the right to interview students at any point in the application process to verify the applicants English language ability.

## 2. Methods of meeting the English Language requirement

Candidates may satisfy the English language entry requirements of the University for academic study if they:

- I. Have successfully completed a recognised undergraduate or postgraduate qualification<sup>1</sup> at a recognised institution in the UK or a majority English language speaking country (as listed in the UK immigration rules Appendix B: English Language, section 7.10(i)(3).
- II. Have successfully completed a recognised undergraduate or postgraduate qualification<sup>2</sup> at a recognised institution through the medium of English other than in a majority English language speaking country (as listed in the UK immigration rules Appendix B: English Language, section 7.10(i)(2)) within the last 5 years.. Certificates, transcripts and/or documents stating language of delivery and assessment plus successful pass of interview with a member of the International Office may be required by the University prior to an offer being made.
- III. Have successfully completed within the last five years a recognised qualification in the subject of English or, where approved by the University, qualifications with significant embedded English language (certificates and certain levels of attainment may be required)
- IV. Have successfully completed within the last two years, a Pre-sessional English course with the Oxford International Digital Institute, attaining the required proficiency for the chosen programme.

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<sup>1</sup> Including CertHE, HNC, DipHE, HND, Foundation Degree, Bachelor’s degree, Grad Cert/Dip, PGCert, PGDip, Master’s Degree, Doctoral level qualification.

<sup>2</sup> Including Cert HE, HNC, DipHE, HND, Foundation Degree, Bachelor's Degree, Grad Cert/Dip. PGCert, PGDip, Master's Degree.

- V. Have successfully completed within the last five years a recognised undergraduate or postgraduate qualification taught online through the medium of English awarded directly from a recognised institution within the UK.
- VI. Are considered to be native English speakers through citizenship of a majority English speaking country as detailed in the UK immigration rules (Appendix B: English Language, section 6.10(i).
- Antigua and Barbuda
  - Australia
  - The Bahamas
  - Barbados
  - Belize
  - The British Overseas Territories
  - Canada
  - Dominica
  - Grenada
  - Guyana
  - Jamaica
  - Malta
  - New Zealand
  - St Kitts and Nevis
  - St Lucia
  - St Vincent and the Grenadines
  - Trinidad and Tobago
  - United States of America

### 3. English Language Tests

For candidates who do not satisfy the criteria set in 2 above, the University will consider a range of English language tests and qualifications deemed appropriate for academic study that are used widely across the Higher Education sector.

The University does not normally accept certificates that are more than two years beyond the date of issue, and the University uses online or direct verification services to ensure that the certificates received are valid.

The following tests may satisfy the above requirements, the university reserves the right, in all cases, to conduct an interview with a member of the International Office

- Cambridge English: C1 Advanced. Formally known as Cambridge English Advanced (CAE)
- Cambridge English: B2 Business Vantage and C1 Business Higher (for Business and cognate disciplines only)
- Cambridge English: C2 Proficiency. Formally known as Cambridge English: Proficiency (CPE)
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Academic taken at an authorised test centre.
- Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic) taken at an authorised test centre.
- TOEFL iBT Taken at an authorised test centre.
- Oxford ELLT – Both the Global and Digital tests
- Trinity ISE II and III Tests undertaken from within the UK at a UKVI approved Test Centre
- LanguageCert Academic SELT or LanguageCert International ESOL SELT B2 or above
- Skills for English SELT
- International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Cambridge IGCSE
- Certain specific qualifications where the University has benchmarked the use of that qualification against use in the UK Higher Education sector and / or its own previous experience of student performance.

Where the use of another institution's English language test is proposed for applicants not requiring entry to the UK, as an alternative to one of the English language tests listed above, unless already approved by the University, details of the qualification may be submitted to the University to undertake an exercise to consider approving the test. An administrative charge may be payable to the University to undertake the exercise.

## 4. Levels of Achievement

The University considers approximate equivalent scores within Levels defined by the Common European Framework for language (CEFR) for the English language proficiency tests listed above and mapped in Appendix1:

CEFR Level B1: Study at Level 3

CEFR Level B2: Undergraduate degrees and any study at Levels 4, 5 and 6.

CEFR Level B2: Taught postgraduate study at Level 7 and 8 (including DBA and Professional Doctorate qualifications).

CEFR Level B2: Postgraduate research degrees at Level 8.

Within these levels the University has set Overall, Benchmark and/or Minimum Scores for English language entry requirements, although some collaborative partners may have agreed other scores for specific programmes of study.

## 5. Cambridge English: C1 Advanced

Study at Level 4 and above (undergraduate and postgraduate) plus Doctor of Business Administration and Professional Doctorate programmes only: Minimum Score of 169 or above overall with at least 162 or above in each component part.

## 6. Cambridge English: Business Certificates

These include the following Business English Certificates and may be accepted for business and cognate disciplines only:

- Cambridge English: B2 Business Vantage (BEC Vantage). Minimum score of 169 or above overall with at least 162 in each component part.
- Cambridge English: C1 Business Higher (BEC Higher). Minimum score of 169 or above overall with at least 162 in each component part.

## 7. Cambridge English Proficiency

This test is set at CEFR Level C2, therefore a pass may be acceptable at all levels of entry.

## 8. International English Language Testing System (IELTS)

IELTS Academic for UKVI test is accepted.

IELTS Academic (non UKVI) may be accepted under certain circumstances

IELTS General training is not accepted.

The University recommends all applicants to undertake an IELTS Academic test for UKVI. Applicants who complete an Academic test at a non UKVI recognised test centre may still be considered.

The Overall Score for Level 3 study is minimum of IELTS 4.5 (with a Minimum Score of 4.0 or above in each of the components). Please note that some courses at this level may require a higher Minimum Score for academic reasons.

The Overall Score for Levels 4 to 7 (undergraduate and postgraduate) study as well as DBA and Professional Doctorate programmes is IELTS 6.0 (with a Minimum Score of 5.5 or above in each of the components). Please note that some courses at this level may require a higher Minimum Score for academic reasons. The Overall Score for Level 8 Research only degrees (PhD) study is IELTS 6.5 (with Minimum Score of 5.5 in listening and speaking and Minimum Score 6.5 in reading and writing components).

IELTS One Skill Retake with IELTS Academic for UKVI test is accepted.

## 9. Pearson Test of English (PTE Academic)

PTE Academic UKVI taken at a UKVI test centre is accepted.

PTE Academic taken at a non UKVI test centre may be accepted under certain circumstances.

PTE Academic Home Edition is not accepted.

Level 3 study: PTE Academic UKVI Minimum Score of 43 required in all four components.

Level 4 to Level 7 (undergraduate and postgraduate) study as well as DBA and Professional Doctorate programmes Minimum Score of 59 required in all four components.

## 10. TOEFL iBT

TOEFL iBT taken at an authorised test is accepted.

TOEFL iBT Home Edition may be accepted under certain conditions if the event that no other test option is available due to unforeseen circumstances.

Only accepted for Level 4 to level 7 study as well as DBA and Professional Doctorate programmes. An overall minimum score of 72 is required with the following minimum scores in each of the following communicative skills:

Reading – Minimum Score of 18

Listening -Minimum Score of 17

Writing -Minimum Score of 17

Speaking – Minimum Score of 20

English language scores must be met in a single test. We do not accept TOEFL MyBest Score to meet our English language requirements.

## 11. Oxford ELLT (English Language Level Test)

The Oxford ELLT Global and Oxford ELLT Digital are both accepted to demonstrate applicants' English language proficiency for study at UWTSD for Level 4 study or higher.

The Overall Score for Levels 4 to 7 (undergraduate and postgraduate) study as well as DBA and Professional Doctorate programmes is ELLT 6.0 (with a Minimum Score of 5 or above in each of the

components). Please note that some courses at this level may require a higher Minimum Score for academic reasons.

The Overall Score for Level 8 Research only degrees (PhD) study is ELLT 7 (with Minimum Score of 5 in listening and speaking and Minimum Score 7 in reading and writing components).

## 12. Trinity College London

Trinity College of London ISE II or III qualifications taken at designated UKVI test centre within the UK and therefore defined as a Secure English Language Test (SELT) are accepted.

These tests are recognised for all levels of study.

The University will accept a Trinity College of London ISE II pass overall with a merit or above in each component part.

The University will accept a Trinity College of London ISE III with a pass overall and with passes or above in each component part.

## 13. LanguageCert

Must be undertaken at a UKVI recognised test centre.

LanguageCert Academic SELT requires a minimum score of 60 in all components and 65 overall for study at Levels 4 to 7 as well as DBA and Professional programmes. Please note that some courses at this level may require a higher Minimum Score for academic reasons.

LanguageCert International ESOL SELT B2 or above requires a minimum score of 33/50 in all four components for study at levels 4 to 7 as well as DBA and Professional programmes. Please note that some courses at this level may require a higher Minimum Score for academic reasons. This test will continue to be accepted for course start dates up until and including March 2026.

## 14. Skills for English UKVI B2 (4 component) SELT

Must be undertaken at a UKVI approved test centre.

Pass required in all components for study at levels 4-7 as well as DBA and Professional programmes. Please note that some courses at this level may require a Pass with Merit for academic reasons.



## 15. International Baccalaureate

The University will require Higher Level 5 or Standard Level 5 Language A or Higher Level 5 or Standard Level 5 Language B

## 16. Cambridge IGCSE

Minimum Grade C (grade 4) in IGCSE in English as a Second Language satisfy the English Language proficiency requirement for undergraduate study.

## 17. Accepted Specific Qualifications

The University regularly reviews the English Language qualification it accepts in line with general use in the UK Higher Educations sector and its own experience of student performance. This can be aligned to planned recruitment activity on a country-by-country basis. Following a review of both past performance of students from certain countries and a review of UK Higher Education sectoral practice the following country specific qualifications are accepted.

**Table of Specific qualifications**

Qualification	Level
Austrian Reifeprüfung/Matura	Grade 2 (Gut) or above in Written and Oral components
Belgian Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire / Diploma van hoger Secundair Onderwijs / Abschlusszeugnis der Oberstufe des Sekundarunterrichts	Grade 15 out of 20 or 70%, or above
Czech Maturitní Zkouška / Maturita	Grade 3 or above
Danish Bevis for Studentereksamen (STX)	Grade 7 or above in Written and Oral components
French Baccalauréat l'Option Internationale, English (awarded until 2023),	Grade 12 or above
Baccalauréat Français International (BFI) (awarded from 2024),	Grade 12 or above
French Baccalauréat Général, English LV1 or A	Grade 14 or above
German Abitur, English	Grade 12 or above
Netherlands VWO, English	Grade 7 or above
Norwegian Vitnemål for videregående opplæring, English	Grade 4 or above
Swedish Fullständigt från Gymnasieskolan or Högskoleförberedand, English	Grade C or above
Swiss Certificat de Maturité / Maturitätszeugnis / Maturitätsausweis / Attestato di Maturità	Grade 4.5 or above



Cambridge Assessment International Education GCE O Level, English	Grade C or above
Botswana General Certificate of Secondary Education, English	Grade C or above
Cameroon GCE O Level, English	Grade C or above
HKDSE English Language	Grade 4 or above overall, with Grade 4 or above in each component
Indian Standard XII, English Language with the exception of Punjab and Haryana exam boards.	Overall pass mark 70% or above for Undergraduate study.
Kenyan Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE), English	Grade B or above. This qualification is exempt from the usual five-year time limit. Please note that we do not accept Grade B- in the KCSE English.
Malaysian 119 syllabus (UCLES)	Grade C or above
Namibian Senior Secondary Certificate (NSSC), Higher English	Grade C or above
Singapore Integrated Programme (IP)	Students should go on to complete A Level or IB qualifications (in any subject taught in English)
	We require a scanned copy of the IP transcript as evidence of completion
South African National Senior Certificate (SANSC)	Grade 4 or above
SQA HND	Pass, plus successful pass of interview with the International Office.
Tanzanian Certificate of Secondary Education / Advanced Certificate of Secondary Education (awarded by the National Examinations Council of Tanzania), English Language	Grade C or above
Ugandan Certificate of Education (UCE)	Grade 6 or above
WAEC West African Senior School Certificate (WASSCE), English	Grade C or above, This qualification is exempt from the usual five-year time limit
West Indies Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate, English A	Grade III (3) or above
Zambian General Certificate of Education, English	Grade 6/C or above

Other national qualifications may be considered on a case by case basis. All of the education qualifications listed in section 17 will be accepted for 5 years from the last date of assessment. However the University reserves the right to interview any applicant to verify their English language ability at any point during the application process

## 18. Reviewing the Policy

The University regularly reviews the English language qualifications that it accepts, and the above policy may change in line with student performance, developments in the sector or as required by changes in UKVI sponsorship guidance

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