

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

ALL applicants to University of Leeds must prove their level of language proficiency:

UK applicants have already provided their GCSE certificate to gain entry to Bachelor studies and do not have to produce this again.

If you have completed at least 3 years of full time study in a country where English is the native language (e.g., UK, USA, Canada, Australia) you do not need to submit an English Language Proficiency Certificate unless your education will have been more than 2 years and 4 months ago at the point you begin your PhD study. If you have studied for fewer than 3 years, in a country where English is the native language, you must provide a copy of your most recent English Language Proficiency Certificate. **You may not need to take another test**, but we need to see the documentary evidence to be able to advise you.

If you have been taught in English, in a country where English is not the native language, you may need to take a test unless you have one of the alternative certificates listed below.

PLEASE ALSO READ THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE DOCUMENT LABELLED “Instr pgr Applicants 17-18” REGARDING VALIDITY & EXPIRATION OF CERTIFICATES

SCHOOL OF LAW - MINIMUM LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

This is not an exhaustive list and you are welcome to email me with details of your studies of English Language if you want some specific advice:

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	IELTS (Academic)	TOEFL (iBT)	Pearson (academic)
Overall	6.5	92	64
Listening	6.5	24	62
Reading	6.5	24	62
Speaking	6	22	60
Writing	6	22	60

TOEIC (Test of English as an International Language) is **NOT** accepted as the test is job related and does not test suitability for academic study.

PASSWORD is **NOT** accepted – This test only indicates if a student is ready to study a General English programme or Pre-Foundation English programme. It does not provide evidence that they have the skills to undertake Higher Academic Study in the UK.

ALTERNATIVE ACCEPTED QUALIFICATIONS TO IELTS, TOEFL & Pearson TESTS

INDIA

Standard XII - English examination with a minimum score of 70%

NEPAL

Cambridge Overseas Certificate – Credit and higher

PAKISTAN

Pakistani Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC)[also known as FA/FSC] English awarded at Elective / Advanced level with a minimum mark of 50.

NIGERIA; GHANA; GAMBIA

Senior School Certificate & Senior Secondary School Leaving Certificate (WAEC) [West African Examination Council] – Grade 6 or above

KENYA

East African Certificate of Education (EACE) / Kenya Certificate of Education (KCE) (up to 1988) – Grade 6 or above

Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) (from 1989) grades A to C+

UGANDA; TANZANIA;

Cambridge Overseas School Certificate (COSC) Grades A to C

East African Certificate of Education (EACE) – Grade 6 or above

ZAMBIA

Cambridge School Certificate / GCE O Level Provided grades of 1-6 (or A-C)

Zambian School Certificate grades A* to C

ZIMBABWE

Cambridge School Certificate / GCE O Level Provided grades of 1-6 (or A-C)

ZIMSEC O Level Certificate grades A* to C

SOUTH AFRICA

Senior Certificate (no matriculation endorsement)
grades A-C

BOTSWANA; MALAWI; SWAZILAND

Cambridge Overseas School Certificate (COSC)
grades 1-6

BAHAMAS

GCSE / General Certificate of Education O level

BARBADOS

Caribbean Examinations Council Secondary
Education Certificate (since 1998) grades 1-3
Caribbean Examinations Council Secondary
Education Certificate (up to 1997) grades 1 and 2
GCSE O Level

BERMUDA

Bermuda Secondary School Certificate grade Credit
and above

JAMAICA

Caribbean Examinations Council Secondary
Education Certificate (since 1998) grades 1-3
GCE O Level grades A-C

BAHRAIN

Tawjahiya (Secondary School Leaving Certificate)
grades 1 and 2 (A & B) (Excellent, Very Good)

HONG KONG

Hong Kong Higher Level Certificate grades A-C

SINGAPORE

Singapore / Cambridge GCE O level grades 1 - 6 (A1
- C6)

AUSTRALIA

It may be possible to accept other European English language qualifications in cases where there is valid and reliable evidence that the applicant has reached the level of C1 on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.

Other alternative language proficiency language qualifications are Cambridge Certificate in Proficiency in English Language; Advanced Cambridge Certificate; Proficiency IGCSE; International Baccalaureate (Higher Level) – English Language grade 6

Year 10 Certificate

Junior Certificate

Tasmanian Certificate of Education (TCE)

School Certificate year 10

Junior Secondary Studies Certificate (Year 10) ALL
grades A-C or 1-3

NEW ZEALAND

Higher School Certificate (awarded on completion of
form 7) grades A-C

National Certificate in Educational Achievement level
2 grade Merit

Sixth Form Certificate (awarded on completion of form
6) grades 1-3

CANADA

Grade 11 of Secondary School Diploma grade 60%
(Except Quebec)

USA

High School Graduation Diploma English at Grade 12
gain C or above

DENMARK

8 or higher (9 - 13) in English in the Højere
Forberedelseseksamen

FINLAND 4 or higher (5, 6) in English in the
Ylioppilastutkinto/studentexamen

GERMANY

2 or higher (1) in English in the Abitur

NETHERLANDS

7.5 or higher (8, 9, 10) in English in the Voorberidend
Wetenschappe Onderwijs

NORWAY

4 or higher (5, 6) in English in the Vitnemal

SWEDEN

3 or higher (4, 5) in English in the Avgangsbetyg