

Postgraduate English Language Requirements

The following English Language qualification and tests are acceptable for entry to the Voice Study Centre. **Tests must be taken in person at an approved test centre.** If you are taking an English language qualification that is not specified below, please contact Admissions@voicestudycentre.com for advice on whether it is acceptable for entry. The Levels below are the minimum entry requirements for admission.

Shelf Life of Test/Qualifications

For all of the tests listed in the table below **except Pearson Test of English (PTE) Academic and TOEFL** we can accept a test taken up to 3 years before the start of the course you are applying for.

PTE Academic and TOEFL tests must be verifiable online. Please note that verification is only available online within 3 years of the date of test for PTE Academic and within 2 years of the date of the test for TOEFL.

Exemptions

If you are a national or graduate of a UK Home Office defined majority English-speaking country, you may not need to take an English test to evidence your proficiency if they fit into one of the categories **below**.

Applicants from outside these countries with a UK degree equivalent qualification, do not need to demonstrate English language competence if they can provide proof that the qualification was instructed in English.

<p>(1) Students who have previously completed an academic qualification equivalent to a UK degree which was taught in one of the following countries ('majority English-speaking' countries). Students must have graduated no more than five years before their course start date at Essex.</p> <p>Antigua and Barbuda Australia The Bahamas Barbados Belize Dominica Grenada Guyana Ireland Jamaica Malta New Zealand St Kitts and Nevis St Lucia St Vincent and the Grenadines Trinidad and Tobago United Kingdom United States of America</p> <p>Degrees taught online are not considered acceptable.</p>	<p>(2) Students who are nationals of one of the following countries ('majority English-speaking' countries):</p> <p>Antigua and Barbuda Australia The Bahamas Barbados Belize Canada Dominica Grenada Guyana Jamaica Malta New Zealand St Kitts and Nevis St Lucia St Vincent and the Grenadines Trinidad and Tobago United Kingdom United States of America</p> <p>Students who have lived outside one of these countries for an extended period of time may still need to provide an acceptable English Language qualification, including those with dual nationality with a country outside of this list and British National (Overseas).</p>
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Acceptable English Language Tests	Minimum Level Required for: Postgraduate courses (including PG Certificates, PG Diplomas and MSc/MPH/M.ed) Postgraduate Online Professional Courses <small>See previous page for information about the shelf life of your test</small>
Academic IELTS (Including UKVI IELTS, non-UKVI IELTS and IELTS Indicator)	Overall score of 6.5 required
British Academic Centre International English Test (BACIET)	Overall score of 6.5 required
Pearson Test of English (PTE) (Including PTE Academic Online)	Overall score of 61 required
Cambridge English Proficiency (CPE) or Cambridge Advanced English (CAE)	Overall score of 176 required on the Cambridge English scale
TOEFL IBT (Including the Special Home Edition, and TOEFL My Best Scores)	Overall score of 90 required
Trinity College London ISE	ISE III with Pass overall and in all four components
Test of English for Educational Purposes (TEEP)	Overall score of 6.5 required
Michigan ECPE	Successful completion of the ECPE Certificate of Proficiency with Pass overall to include 795 in each component
Oxford International Digital Institute – Online Pre-sessional English Course (OPSE) and Online English Language Level Test (ELLT)	C1 or 7 overall with minimum component scores: Listening: B2 or 5 Reading: B2 or 5 Writing B2+ or 6 Speaking: B2 or 5