

Pre-sessional English Language Requirements (2023-24 academic year)

How to find the right pre-sessional course for your needs

1. Identify your current English language proficiency level.
2. Find the English language requirement for your degree course. This information is stated on your academic offer letter, and it is also listed on the relevant course page. You can find your course using our online [course finder](#).
3. Check which pre-sessional courses will help you meet your English language requirement, either our 6-week, 11-week or 16-week course. The tables in this guide will help you do that. There is a table for each qualification we accept.
4. Check you meet the entry requirement for the pre-sessional course based on your English language qualification.

English language requirements for our degree courses

All courses require a level of English proficiency which equates to one of the University's English Language bands. If your offer is conditional on achieving English language, we will tell you which band you need to meet. We also accept a variety of other tests.

English language band	Equivalent IELTS score
Band A	IELTS 6.0 overall score with at least 5.5 in all components
Band C	IELTS 6.5 overall score with at least 6.0 in all components
Band D	IELTS 6.5 overall score with at least 6.5 in reading and writing and 6.0 in speaking and listening
Band E	IELTS 6.5 overall score with at least 6.5 in all components
Band G	IELTS 7.0 overall score with at least 6.5 in all components

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Entry requirements for our pre-sessional courses

The following tests are accepted for both our **in person** and our **online** pre-sessional courses:

- [IELTS Academic UKVI SELT](#)
- [Pearson Test of English \(PTE\) Academic UKVI SELT](#)
- [LanguageCert International ESOL UKVI SELT](#)

The following tests are accepted for our **online** pre-sessional courses only:

- [IELTS Academic](#)
- [TOEFL iBT](#)
- [Pearson Test of English Academic](#)
- [Duolingo English Test](#)
- [IELTS Online](#)
- [TOEFL iBT Home Edition](#)

All tests must be dated within the two years immediately preceding the course start date. We are unable to combine scores from multiple tests, as we require all applicants to meet the requirements through one sitting of a test.

The English language band that you can achieve at the end of this course depends on the length of the course and your current English Language test result. Use tables in this guide to check whether you meet the entry requirement for the pre-sessional course based on your current English language qualification.

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Use the quick links below to find the table for each of our accepted English Language tests:

- [IELTS Academic UKVI SELT](#)
- [Pearson Test of English \(PTE\) Academic UKVI SELT](#)
- [LanguageCert International ESOL UKVI SELT](#)
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IELTS

UoS Band	6-week course					11-week course					16-week course				
	Overall	Reading	Writing	Listening	Speaking	Overall	Reading	Writing	Listening	Speaking	Overall	Reading	Writing	Listening	Speaking
A	5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
B	Not currently in use														
C	6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
D	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
E	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
F	Not currently in use														
G	6.5	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0

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PTE (PTE UKVI SELT and Pearson Test of English Academic)

UoS Band	6-week course					11-week course					16-week course				
	Overall	Reading	Writing	Listening	Speaking	Overall	Reading	Writing	Listening	Speaking	Overall	Reading	Writing	Listening	Speaking
A	59	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53
B	Not currently in use														
C	64	59	59	59	59	59	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53
D	64	64	64	59	59	59	59	59	53	53	53	53	53	53	53
E	64	64	64	64	64	59	59	59	59	59	53	53	53	53	53
F	Not currently in use														
G	68	68	64	64	64	64	59	59	59	59	59	53	53	53	53

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LanguageCert International ESOL UKVI SELT

If you have taken the LanguageCert International ESOL UKVI SELT, please contact us before applying for further guidance:

email: elaccess@southampton.ac.uk

telephone: +44 (0)23 8059 3344

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TOEFL (TOEFL iBT and TOEFL iBT Home Edition)

UoS Band	6-week course					11-week course					16-week course				
	Overall	Reading	Writing	Listening	Speaking	Overall	Reading	Writing	Listening	Speaking	Overall	Reading	Writing	Listening	Speaking
A	72	14	16	15	19	63	14	16	15	19	63	14	16	15	19
B	Not currently in use														
C	81	18	17	17	20	72	14	16	15	19	63	14	16	15	19
D	81	22	21	17	20	72	18	17	15	19	63	14	16	15	19
E	81	22	21	21	23	72	18	17	17	20	63	14	16	15	19
F	Not currently in use														
G	92	22	21	21	23	81	18	17	17	20	72	14	16	15	19

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Duolingo English Test

UoS Band	6-week course					11-week course					16-week course				
	Overall	Lit.	Conv.	Comp.	Prod.	Overall	Lit.	Conv.	Comp.	Prod.	Overall	Lit.	Conv.	Comp.	Prod.
A	95-100	80	70	90	55	80-90	80	70	90	55	80-90	80	70	90	55
B	Not currently in use														
C	105-115	95	85	100	75	95-100	80	70	90	55	80-90	80	70	90	55
D	105-115	105	85	110	80	95-100	95	70	100	60	80-90	80	70	90	60
E	105-115	105	95	110	85	95-100	95	85	100	75	80-90	80	70	90	55
F	Not currently in use														
G	120-125	105	95	110	85	105-115	95	85	100	75	95-100	80	70	90	55

Duolingo Component Abbreviations

Lit. = Literacy | Conv. = Conversation | Comp. = Comprehension | Prod. = Production