

English Language Proficiency Requirements

Listed below are the English language proficiency requirements for entry **for international and domestic applicants** to academic programs at the University of Sydney.

The Australian Government requires applicants from certain countries to achieve a minimum IELTS score in order to issue a student visa. For more information, contact your nearest Australian Embassy, High Commission or visit the Department of Immigration and Citizenship website (www.immi.gov.au).

Undergraduate Applicants (including programs combined with postgraduate courses)

Applicants must provide evidence of English language proficiency through one of the following methods:

1. Minimum proficiency test results as outlined in Table 1 below. English language test scores must be less than 2 years old at the date of course commencement at the University of Sydney.**

English Language Proficiency Requirements for Undergraduate Courses (Table 1)

Faculty	Degree Program	IELTS		Paper-based TOEFL		Internet-based TOEFL (IBT)			Pearson Test of English (PTE)	
		Overall score	Section minimum+	Overall score	Test of Written English	Overall score	Writing section	All other sections+	Overall score	Section minimum+
All	Standard requirement	6.5	6	577	4.5	90	23	22	61	54
<i>Higher requirements apply to the following undergraduate programs:</i>										
Architecture, Design and Planning	All programs (including combined Architecture programs except courses combined with Law)	7	6	600	4.5	100	23	22	68	54
Arts and Social Sciences	Bachelor of Arts (Media and Communications)	7.5	7	637	5	110	25	24	76	68
	Bachelor of Economics	7	6	600	4.5	100	23	22	68	54
Business	All programs except Combined Engineering, Law and Medicine	7	6	600	4.5	100	23	22	68	54
Education and Social Work	Bachelor of Education and all combined Education degrees	7.5	7-R,W 8-L, S	637	5	110	25	27-L,S 24- R	76	68-R,W 79-L, S
Health Sciences	Bachelor of Health Sciences Bachelor of Applied Science (Speech Pathology)	7	7	600	5	100	25	24	68	68
	Bachelor of Applied Science (Exercise and Sports Science) & Master of Nutrition and Dietetics Bachelor of Applied Science (Exercise Physiology)	7	6.5	600	5	100	24	23	68	61
Law	All combined Law degrees	7.5	7	637	5	110	25	24	76	68
Nursing	All programs including combined Nursing degrees	7	7	600	5	100	25	24	68	68
Science	Bachelor of Science & Master of Nutrition and Dietetics	7	6.5	600	5	100	24	23	68	61
Veterinary Science	Bachelor of Veterinary Science	7	7	600	5	100	25	24	68	68

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2. You have completed the International Baccalaureate provided you have met one of the following criteria:
 - Completion of English A1 at Higher or Standard Level;
 - Completion of English A2 at Higher or Standard Level;
 - Completion of English B at Higher Level with a Grade of 4 or more;
 - Completion of English B at Standard Level with a Grade of 5 or more

3. You have completed at least one year of full time university study in an English speaking country or in a tertiary institution where the language of instruction (i.e. teaching, assessment and examination) was in English.**

4. You have completed a qualification accepted by the University as proof of your proficiency in English as specified in Table 2 below:

Table 2

Country/Qualification	Standard
American Samoa	Completion of accepted senior secondary/tertiary studies in English
Australia	Completion of accepted senior secondary/tertiary studies in English
Canada	Completion of accepted senior secondary/tertiary studies in English
Denmark Studentereksamen	A grade of 8 or better for English A A grade of 10 or better for English B, level B
Fiji	Completion of accepted senior secondary/tertiary studies in English
Finland Upper Secondary School Certificate	A grade of 8 or better in English or English A language
GCE Ordinary Level (Malaysia, Singapore, United Kingdom)	B pass or better in the subject English
Germany Abitur	A grade of 3 or better in Advanced Level English (LF)
Hong Kong A Levels	B pass in Use of English
Ireland	Completion of accepted senior secondary/tertiary studies in English
Kenya	Completion of accepted senior secondary/tertiary studies in English
Malaysia STPM	C pass in 920 English or B pass in 914 English
Netherlands VWO	A grade of 8 or better for level 6 High School English
New Zealand	Completion of accepted senior secondary/tertiary studies in English
Norway Vitnemal	A grade of 4 or better for upper secondary school English
Papua New Guinea	Completion of accepted senior secondary/tertiary studies in English
Singapore	Completion of accepted senior secondary/tertiary studies in English
Solomon Islands	Completion of accepted senior secondary/tertiary studies in English
South Africa	Completion of accepted senior secondary/tertiary studies in English
Sweden Avgangsbetyg/Slutbetyg	A grade of VG or better in Upper Secondary School English
United Kingdom	Completion of accepted senior secondary/tertiary studies in English
United States of America	Completion of accepted senior secondary/tertiary studies in English
Zambia	Completion of accepted senior secondary/tertiary studies in English

** NOTE - For students from those countries (assessment levels 3 and 4) who are required by the Commonwealth Government to provide IELTS or TOEFL results for a student visa, and who do not have a record of satisfactory achievement in secondary/tertiary studies in an English-speaking country, this test result will be the primary assessment tool used for determining admission.

Postgraduate Applicants

Applicants for whom English is not their first language must provide evidence of minimum English language proficiency through one of the following methods:

1. Applicants who can provide evidence of satisfactory achievement in tertiary studies* in which the language of the institution and of instruction, examination and assessment was English, may not be required to provide further evidence of English proficiency. Satisfactory achievement is determined by each faculty in accordance with the discipline concerned and their English test standards. The tertiary studies must have been undertaken no more than 5 years prior to the date of application for admission to the University of Sydney.

**Please refer to specific definitions of a satisfactory tertiary record for some faculties as given below:*

*For courses in the **Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences**, the faculty has defined 'satisfactory achievement' as follows: To meet the requirements of 'satisfactory achievement', applicants must present evidence of one year full-time university study in which the language of the institution was English and the language of instruction, examination and assessment was English. To be 'satisfactory' the applicant must have a credit average if this qualification was not used to gain admission. In countries where English is not the official language, students will be required to provide a statement from the Registrar/Academic Affairs office or equivalent confirming English as the language of the institution and the language of instruction, examination and assessment*

*For courses in the **Business School**, the faculty has defined 'satisfactory achievement' as follows: To meet the requirements of 'satisfactory achievement', applicants must present evidence of one year full-time university study in which the language of the institution was English and the language of instruction, examination and assessment was English. To be 'satisfactory' the applicant must have a credit average if this qualification was not used to gain admission. The study must have been undertaken at a recognized institution. Where a university has two official languages, one being English, proof must be received from the Registrar/Academic Affairs Office or equivalent that the applicant's entire course was conducted in English.*

*For courses in the **Sydney Nursing School** the faculty has defined 'satisfactory achievement' as follows: To meet the requirements of 'satisfactory achievement', applicants must have a record of satisfactory achievement in tertiary studies in which the language of the institution was English and the language of instruction, examination and assessment was English as defined below:*

(a)

a three year degree, completed no more than five years prior to commencement; or

(b)

a degree of two or more years' duration, completed no more than three years prior to commencement.

In addition, for pre-registration courses, external bodies such as the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency may specify additional English language proficiency requirements for professional registration.

*For courses at **Sydney College of the Arts**, the faculty has defined 'satisfactory achievement' as follows: To meet the requirements of 'satisfactory achievement', applicants must present evidence of one year full-time university study in which the language of the institution was English and the language of instruction, examination and assessment was English. To be 'satisfactory' the applicant must have a pass average if this qualification was not used to gain admission. The study must have been undertaken at a recognized institution. Where a university has two official languages, one being English, proof must be received from the Registrar/Academic Affairs Office or equivalent that the applicant's entire course was conducted in English.*

2. English proficiency test results as outlined in Table 1 below. English language test scores must be less than 2 years old at the date you apply to the University of Sydney.

English Language Proficiency Requirements for Postgraduate Courses (Table 3)

Faculty	Degree Program	IELTS		Paper-based TOEFL		Internet-based TOEFL (IBT)			Pearson Test of English (PTE)	
		Overall score	Section minimum+	Overall score	Test of Written English	Overall score	Writing section	All other sections+	Overall Score	Section minimum+
All	Standard requirement	6.5	6	577	4.5	90	23	22	61	54
<i>Different requirements apply for the following postgraduate programs:</i>										
Architecture, Design and Planning	All programs	7	6	600	4.5	100	23	22	68	54
Arts and Social Sciences	Masters, Graduate Diploma and Graduate Certificate programs in: Art Curatorship Crosscultural Communication Economics Health Communication Human Rights** International Security International Studies Media Practice Museum Studies Political Economy Professional Communication Public Policy Publishing Strategic Public Relations From 2013 remaining coursework degrees at IELTS 6,5 (6.0), will increase to IELTS 7.0 (6.0) and equivalent.	7	6	600	4.5	100	23	22	68	54
	All coursework programs in Translation Studies	7	7-S,W 6-L,R	600	5.0	100	25	22-L,R 24-S	68	68-S,W 54-L, R
	All coursework programs in US Studies	7	6.5-S,W 6-L,R	600	5.0	100	24	23-S 22-L,R	68	61-S,W 54-L,R
	All coursework programs in Creative Writing and Arts (with English as a specialisation)	7	7-W 6-L,R,S	600	5.0	100	25	22	68	68-W 54-L,R,S
Business	All research programs	7	6.5	600	5.0	100	24	23	68	61
	All coursework programs	7	6	600	4.5	100	23	22	68	61
Dentistry	All postgraduate coursework programs except Doctor of Dental Medicine	7	6.5	600	5.0	100	24	23	68	61
	Doctor of Dental Medicine	7	6.0	600	4.5	100	23	22	68	54
Education and Social Work	Master of Teaching	7.5	8-L,S 7-R,W	637	5	110	25	27-L,S 24-R	76	79-L, S 68-R,W
	Master of Social Work (Qualifying)	7.5	7.0	637	5	110	25	24	76	68
Health Sciences	All coursework programs in: Exercise and Sports Science, Health Informatics, Molecular Imaging, Nuclear Medicine, Diagnostic Radiography, Radiation Therapy	7	6.5-S,W 6-L,R	600	5	100	24	23-S 22-L,R	68	61-S,W 54-L,R
	All coursework programs in: Physiotherapy, Master of Occupational Therapy,	7	7-S,W 6-L,R	600	5	100	25	24-S 22-L,R	68	68-S,W 54-L,R
	Master of Exercise Physiology, Master of Speech Language Pathology	7	7	600	5	100	25	24	68	68

Law	All programs except the Juris Doctor	7	6	600	4.5	100	23	22	68	54
	Juris Doctor (JD)	7.5	7	637	5	110	25	24	76	68
Medicine	All programs in: Qualitative Health Research, Genetic Counselling	7	6.5	600	5	100	24	23	68	61
	All coursework programs in Clinical Trials Research	7	7	600	5	100	25	24	68	68
Music	Master of Music Studies (Performance), Graduate Diploma of Music (Performance)	6	6	550	4.5	80	23	22	54	54
	All research degrees Graduate Diploma of Music (Accompaniment) Master of Music Studies (Conducting), Master of Music Studies (Opera), Graduate Diploma in Music (Opera)	7	6.5	600	5	100	24	23	68	61
Nursing	All programs	7	7	600	5	100	25	24	68	68
Pharmacy	All coursework programs	7	6.5	600	5	100	24	23	68	61
Science	Doctor of Clinical Psychology	7	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	All coursework programs in Coaching Psychology from 2012 onwards	7.5	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Master of Environmental Science and Law	7	6	600	4.5	100	23	22	68	54
	Master of Nutrition and Dietetics	7.5	6.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Veterinary Science	All programs (except Veterinary Public Health Management)	7	6.5	600	5	100	24	23	68	61
	All coursework programs in Veterinary Public Health Management	7	7-S,W 6-L,R	600	5	100	25	22-L,R 24-S	68	68-S,W 54-L,R

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**Please note that this does not include the Master of Human Rights and Democratisation which requires the standard entry scores.

About Test Scores

All IELTS and PTE requirements refer to the Academic test. Non-academic tests are not accepted.

The University of Sydney is an international IELTS testing centre. If you would like to book an IELTS test or to find out more information, please visit our Centre for English Teaching (CET) at: <http://sydney.edu.au/cet/>

English Courses

If you do not meet the English requirements for your chosen course and you need to improve your standard of English before you commence your degree, English courses are available at the **Centre for English Teaching** (CET) at the University of Sydney. For more information, visit: <http://sydney.edu.au/cet/>

Applicants who achieve the required grades in the "Direct Entry Course" at CET are not required to provide further evidence of English proficiency. Students who do not enrol into the "Direct Entry Course" at CET, will need to provide evidence of meeting the English requirements for their course as specified in the tables above. The English course must have been completed no more than 2 years prior to the date of application.

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