

English Language Entry Requirements Policy

It is important that all students are able to communicate effectively in both written and spoken English so that they can thrive in their studies at Bath Spa University.

Responsibility for ensuring that you are eligible for entry to Bath Spa University lies with our Admissions Service, but you should ensure that you identify whether or not you meet our requirements before you apply to us.

Please refer to the grid below which will help you with this. If your English language qualification, or the qualification you are currently studying, is not listed here, please write to us, including a copy of your transcript (if applicable) and certificate, including grades, to admissions@bathspa.ac.uk. Please be aware that you may be asked to provide your original documents also.

It is preferable for you to have achieved an accepted English language qualification within two years prior to your application to Bath Spa University. If this is not the case, applications will be considered on an individual basis.

All decisions will be communicated to you either via UCAS Track (if you made a UCAS application) or by letter (if you applied directly to us).

If you are made a conditional offer and asked to achieve a standard in English language as part of this offer, for example IELTS 6.0, then you should ensure that you meet this condition before leaving your home country. If you have not met the conditional offer, you should contact admissions@bathspa.ac.uk as soon as possible. We would not be able to confirm your place until all conditions of the offer have been met.

If we are not able to offer you a place, the reason for that will also be provided to you. Please be aware that Bath Spa University does not offer English language teaching as part of the courses offered, so we would not be able to admit you if your application was unsuccessful because your English language qualification does not meet our entry requirements.

It may be necessary from time to time to add, change, or remove qualifications from the grid below and this will be done with the approval of the Registrar. This information is therefore correct at time of publication.

If English is not your first language and you have been studying in the UK or in an English speaking country, please see section two below.

Section 1

Qualification grid

Qualification	Required level
Abitur	Undergraduate and postgraduate entry: English language as a Leistungskurs - 11 out of 15 or 2 out of 6
Anglia Certificate of English as a Foreign Language	Undergraduate and postgraduate entry: Proficiency
APIEL Advanced Placement International English Language	Undergraduate and postgraduate entry: 4 or higher
Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English (CAE)	Undergraduate and postgraduate entry: Grade C or higher
Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE)	Undergraduate and postgraduate entry: Grade C or higher
Cambridge Business Certificate 3	Undergraduate and postgraduate entry: Grade B or higher
Certificate of Attainment in English (Edexcel)	Undergraduate entry: level 4 Postgraduate entry: level 5
CSE (English language)	Undergraduate and postgraduate entry: Grade 1
City & Guilds Pitman ESOL and Spoken ESOL ESOL Higher Intermediate ESOL Advanced	Undergraduate and postgraduate entry: pass
City & Guilds Pitman International ESOL and Spoken ESOL: ESOL Mastery ESOL Expert	Undergraduate and postgraduate entry: pass
European Baccalaureate	Undergraduate and postgraduate entry: English as the First Foreign Language (L2) or First Foreign Language Advanced (L2A) - 7.5 or higher
Foundation programmes (UK Universities)	will be considered individually
GCE O-level English language	Undergraduate and postgraduate entry: Grade C or higher (if taken after 1975)
GCE O-level English language 1119	Undergraduate and postgraduate entry: Grade B or higher
GCE A-level English	Undergraduate and postgraduate entry: Grade E or higher
GCSE English language	Undergraduate and postgraduate entry: Grade C or higher
Hong Kong Examinations Authority Advanced Use of English	Undergraduate and postgraduate entry: Grade C or higher
ICL Proficiency	Undergraduate entry: grade A Foundation/HND entry: grade B or C

IELTS	Undergraduate entry: 6.0 Postgraduate entry: 6.5 or 7.0
IGCSE in English as a Second Language	Undergraduate and postgraduate entry: Grade C or higher
Indian Standard XII level - English paper	Undergraduate and postgraduate entry: National boards of ISC and CBSE or West Bengal Board - 60% or higher; Maharastra board - 65% or higher; Tamil Nadu and Karnataka boards - 70% or higher
International Baccalaureate (must include English)	Undergraduate and postgraduate entry: Standard English grade 5 or Higher level grade 4 or higher
Integrated Skills Test in English (ISE)	Undergraduate and postgraduate entry: Level III or higher
JMB Test in English	Undergraduate and postgraduate entry: Grade 3 or higher
London Chamber of Commerce and Industry Examinations Board (LCCIEB) English qualifications	Undergraduate and postgraduate entry: EFB/EFC third level LCCIEB third and fourth level single subject certificate considered
London Tests of English (Edexcel)	Undergraduate entry: level 4 Postgraduate entry: level 5
NEAB University Entrance Test in English for speakers of other languages (UETESOL)	Undergraduate and postgraduate entry: Pass in all sections
Nigeria - West African Examination Council (English language)	Undergraduate and postgraduate entry: Grade 1-6
Norway - Vitnemal	Undergraduate and postgraduate entry: 4 or higher in English
Oxford International Business English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)	Undergraduate and postgraduate entry: Credit
Proficient User Certificate in English Level 3 - Proficient User	Undergraduate and postgraduate entry: pass
Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia	Advanced English 1119 pass at 6C or above
TEEP (Test of English for Educational Purposes)	Undergraduate entry: 6.0 Postgraduate entry: 6.5 or 7.0
TOEFL	Undergraduate entry: 570 paper based / 230 computer based / 80 iBT Postgraduate entry: 600 paper based / 250 computer based / 90 iBT
PTE Academic	Undergraduate entry: score of 54 Postgraduate entry: 62 or 68 (dependent on course)
Trinity: ESOL	Undergraduate and postgraduate entry: Graded Examinations in Spoken English Grade 11
University of Central Lancashire Certificate of Proficiency in English Level 3 - Proficient User	Undergraduate and postgraduate entry: pass
UCLES Certificate of Advanced English	Undergraduate and postgraduate entry: grade A

ULEAC Certificate of Attainment in English	Undergraduate and postgraduate entry: level 6 or higher
University of Michigan Examination of Proficiency in English (ECPE)	Undergraduate and postgraduate entry: pass
WELT (University of Warwick English Language Test)	Undergraduate entry: CCC Postgraduate entry: BBC

Section 2

Applicants who have been studying in an English speaking country, but for whom English is not their first language

If you have been studying at level 3 (A level, BTEC National or equivalent) in the UK or in another country where the language of instruction is English, we will consider your application in the same way as we would for an applicant for whom English is their first language.

You would therefore need to meet the same entry requirements as those applied to candidates for whom English is the first language. Please see our 'Do You Qualify?' web pages for more information on this: <http://www.bathspa.ac.uk/services/student-services/prospective-students/your-application/how-to-apply/undergraduate/qualify-2010.asp>. Please be aware that A levels in General Studies, Critical Thinking or in your first language do not count towards this requirement.

For example, if your first language is Japanese, and you have studied two A levels in the UK, one in Psychology and one in Japanese, we would only be able to count the A level in Psychology. You would need to be studying a third A level subject for us to be able to consider your application. This is because the qualification in Japanese is designed to test the language skills of students for whom Japanese is NOT their first language and would therefore give you an unfair advantage over other applicants.

Please note that this does not apply to applicants for whom English is their first language studying A level English or English Language, or the equivalent, as this subject is designed to progress the language skills of those for whom English is their first language.