

English Language Requirements

(For English language requirements specific to St Mary's University programmes and Buckinghamshire New University programmes, please refer directly to their respective websites)

OVERSEAS QUALIFICATIONS

Country	Qualification	Foundation Year*	HND	Bachelor's Degree	Top-Up Degree	Master's Degree
Austria	Reifeprüfungszeugnis/ Maturazeugnis	4	3	2	2	2
Bahamas	General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level	E	D	C	C	C
Belgium	Diplome d'accès à l'enseignement supérieur/ Diplome van Hoger Secundair Onderwijs	60%	65%	75%	75%	75%
Botswana	General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level	E	D	C	C	C
Brunei	Cambridge O Level	E	D	C	C	C
Bulgaria	Diploma Za Sredno Obrazovanie	3	4	4	4	4
Cameroon	GCE O Level	E	D	C	C	C
Croatia	Svjedodzba o Maturi	2	3	4	4	4
Cyprus	Apolyterion	13	14	15	15	15
Czechia	Maturitni Zkou'ce/ Maturita	4	3	3	3	3
Denmark	Studentereksamen/HF/HHX/ HTX/IBB/Diplomingenior	2	4	7	7	7
Estonia	Riigieksamitunnistus or Gümnaasiumilõputun- nistus	50%	60%	70%	70%	70%
Finland	Ylioppilastutkintotodistus or Studentexamensbetyg	3	4	5	5	5
France	Baccalauréat (le bac) or the Option Internationale du Baccalauréat	10	11	12.5	12.5	12.5
Germany	Zeugnis der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife or Abitur or a Fachgebundene Hochschulreife	4	3	2	2	2
Greece	Apolyterion	13	14	15	15	15
Hong Kong	HKCEE/HKDSE	E/2	D/3	C/4	C/4	C/4
Hungary	Erettsegi	2	3	4	4	4
India	Standard XII CBSE or CISCE	40%	50%	60%	60%	60%
Italy	Diploma di Esame di Stato	60	70	80	80	80
Latvia	Atestats Par Visparejo Videjo Izglitib	6/D	7/C	8/B	8/B	8/B
Lithuania	Brandos Atestatas	6	7	8	8	8
Kenya	Certificate of Secondary Education	E	D	C	C	C

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Malaysia	Malayasiaam 1119	8E	7D	6C	6C	6C
Malta	Matriculation Certificate	E	D	C	C	C
Moldova	Diploma de Bacalaureat or Atestat de Studii Medii de Cultură Generală	7	8	9	9	9
Nepal	School Leaving Certificate (Grade XI & XII)	N/A	70%	70%	70%	70% +MOI
Netherlands	Diploma Middelbaar Beroepsonderwijs (MBO) or Diploma Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs (VWO)	6	7	8	8	8
Norway	Vitnemal-Videregaende Opplaering	2	3	4	4	4
North Macedonia	Matura	2	3	4	4	4
Poland	Swiadectwo Dojrzałości / Matura	50%	60%	70%	70%	70%
Portugal	Diploma de Ensino Secundario	12	13	14	14	14
Romania	Diploma de Bacalaureat	5 or B1 in all components	6 or B2 in all components	7 or B2 in all components	7 or B2 in all components	7 or B2 in all components
Singapore	Cambridge General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level	E8	D7	C6	C6	C6
Slovakia	Vysvedcenie o maturitnej skuske	4	3	2	2	2
Slovenia	Maturitetno Spricevalo	2	3	4	4	4
South Africa	National Senior Certificate	3	4	5	5	5
Spain	Titulo de Bachillerato	5	6	8	8	8
Sweden	Avgansbetyg / Slutbetyg fran Gymnasieskola	E	D	C	C	C
Switzerland	Maturitätszeugnis or Maturite Federal	4	4	5	5	5
Tanzania	Certificate of Secondary Education	D	D	C	C	C
Uganda	Certificate of Education	8	7	6	6	6
Ukraine	Атестат про повну загальну середню освіту	8	9	10	10	10
West African Countries	WAEC/NECO	E8 or 8 or Pass or 40	D7 or 7 or Pass or 45	C6 or 6 or Credit or 50	C6 or 6 or Credit or 50	C6 or 6 or Credit or 50
Zambia	School Certificate/General Certificate of Education	4	5	6	6	6
Zimbabwe	General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level	D	D	C	C	C

UK QUALIFICATIONS

	Foundation Year*	HND	Bachelor's Degree	Top-Up Degree	Master's Degree
IELTS	5.0 (with no component below 4.5)	5.5 (with no component below 5.0 and a minimum score of 5.5 in Reading and Writing)	6.0 (with no component below 5.5)	6.0 (with no component below 5.5)	6.0 (with no component below 5.5)
IELTS Indicator	5.0 with no component below 4.5	5.5 (with no component below 5.0 and a minimum score of 5.5 in Reading and Writing)	6.0 (with no component below 5.5)	6.0 (with no component below 5.5)	6.0 (with no component below 5.5)
PTE	Overall score of 43 (with no less than 43 in each component)	Overall score of 59 (with no less than 59 in each component)	Overall score of 59 (with no less than 59 in each component)	Overall score of 59 (with no less than 59 in each component)	Overall score of 59 (with no less than 59 in each component)
TOEFL iBT	Overall Score of 33 with minimum component scores for; Reading (3), Listening (3), Speaking (12), Writing (12)	Overall Score of 46 with minimum component scores for; Reading (8), Writing (18), Listening (4) and Speaking (14)	Overall Score of 60 with minimum component scores for; Reading (8), Writing (18), Listening (7) and Speaking (16)	Overall Score of 60 with minimum component scores for; Reading (8), Writing (18), Listening (7) and Speaking (16)	Overall Score of 60 with minimum component scores for; Reading (8), Writing (18), Listening (7) and Speaking (16)
Pearson Versant	Overall score of 41 (with no component below 37)	Overall score of 46 (with no component below 41 and a minimum of 46 in Reading and Writing)	Overall score of 51 (with no component below 46)	Overall score of 51 (with no component below 46)	Overall score of 51 (with no component below 46)
Duolingo	Overall 85, no less than 65 in each component	Overall score of 100 (with no less than 100 in Reading and Writing and no less than 85 in Listening and Speaking)	Overall score of 110 (with no component below 100)	Overall score of 110 (with no component below 100)	Overall score of 110 (with no component below 100)
Trinity College ISE	ISE I -Merit in each component	ISE II -Pass in each component	ISE II -Distinction in each component	ISE II -Distinction in each component	ISE II -Distinction in each component
LanguageCert International ESOL SELT	Overall score of 39 in B1 Achiever (with no component below 33)	Overall score of 33 in B2 Communicator	Overall score of 33 in B2 Communicator (with no component below 25)	Overall score of 33 in B2 Communicator (with no component below 25)	Overall score of 33 in B2 Communicator (with no component below 25)
PSI Service (UK) Ltd	Pass with Merit in Skills for English UKVI B1	Pass in Skills for English UKVI B2	Pass in Skills for English UKVI B2	Pass in Skills for English UKVI B2	Pass in Skills for English UKVI B2
GCSE in English Language	E or 3	C or 4	C or 4	C or 4	C or 4

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	Foundation Year*	HND	Bachelor's Degree	Top-Up Degree	Master's Degree
Irish Leaving Certificate Ordinary/Higher Level English	5 or H5	5 or H5	4 or H4	4 or H4	4 or H4
IGCSE English as first language <small>(for syllabus 0500 Listening and Speaking must be separately endorsed on the certificate)</small>	Grade E in Reading & Writing, Grade C in Listening & Speaking	Grade D in Reading & Writing, Grade B in Listening & Speaking	Grade C in Reading & Writing, Grade B in Listening & Speaking	Grade C in Reading & Writing, Grade B in Listening & Speaking	Grade C in Reading & Writing, Grade B in Listening & Speaking
IGCSE English as second language <small>(for syllabus 0510 Listening and Speaking must be separately endorsed on the certificate)</small>	Grade D in Reading, Writing & Listening, Grade C in Speaking	Grade C in Reading, Writing & Listening, Grade B in Speaking	Grade B in Reading, Writing, Listening & Speaking	Grade B in Reading, Writing, Listening & Speaking	Grade B in Reading, Writing, Listening & Speaking
Cambridge Advanced English	Overall score of 154 (with no component below 147)	Overall score of 162 points (with no component below 154 and a minimum of 162 in Reading and Writing)	Overall score of 169 (with no component below 162)	Overall score of 169 (with no component below 162)	Overall score of 169 (with no component below 162)
IB Standard or Higher Level English Language (Syllabus A)	4	5	5	5	5
IB Standard or Higher Level English Language (Syllabus B)	5	5	6	6	6
European Baccalaureate English Language	50%	60%	65%	65%	65%
Functional Skills English	Level 1	Level 2	Level 2	Level 2	Level 2
Adult Literacy	Level 1	Level 2	Level 2	Level 2	Level 2

UK QUALIFICATIONS

	LLB	LLM
IELTS	6.0 (with no component below 5.5)	7.0 (with no component below 6.5)
IELTS Indicator	6.0 (with no component below 5.5)	7.0 (with no component below 6.5)
PTE	Overall score of 59 (with no less than 59 in each component)	Overall score of 76 (with no less than 76 in each component)
TOEFL iBT	Overall Score of 60 with minimum component scores for; Reading (8), Writing (18), Listening (7) and Speaking (16)	Overall Score of 94 with minimum component scores for; Reading (19), Writing (24), Listening (20) and Speaking (20)
Pearson Versant	Overall score of 51 (with no less than 46 in each component)	Overall score of 61 (with no less than 56 in each component)
Duolingo	Overall score of 110 (with no less than 100 in each component)	Overall score of 130 (with no less than 110 in any component)
Trinity College ISE	ISE II –Distinction in each component	ISE III – Merit in each component
LanguageCert International ESOL SELT	Overall score of 33 in B2 Communicator (with no component below 25)	33 in C1 Expert
PSI Service (UK) Ltd	Pass in Skills for English UKVI B2	Pass in Skills for English UKVI C1
GCSE in English Language	C or 4	B
Irish Leaving Certificate Ordinary/Higher Level English	4 or H4	3 or H3

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	LLB	LLM
IGCSE English as first language (for syllabus 0500 Listening and Speaking must be separately endorsed on the certificate)	Grade C in Reading & Writing, Grade B Listening & Speaking	Grade B in Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking
IGCSE English as second language (for syllabus 0510 Listening and Speaking must be separately endorsed on the certificate)	Grade B in Reading, Writing, Listening & Speaking	Grade A in Reading, Writing & Listening, Grade B in Speaking
Cambridge Advanced English	Overall score of 169 (with no component below 162)	Overall score of 185 (with no component below 176)
IB Standard or Higher Level English Language (Syllabus A)	5	6
IB Standard or Higher Level English Language (Syllabus B)	6	7
European Baccalaureate English Language	65%	70%
Functional Skills English	Level 2	Level 2
Adult Literacy	Level 2	Level 2

Important Note

Please ensure that all qualifications are within their valid exam duration and have not expired, with results that can be verified where applicable.

If you have studied in one of the majority English-speaking countries, you may be exempt from certain requirements. However, admissions may still require additional evidence of English proficiency and reserve the right to refer applicants to an internal English test.