

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

BSc Psychology with Foundation Year, LLB and LLM are provided in a separate section below

| 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 | Svjedodžba o Maturi | 2 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Cyprus | Apolyterion | 13 | 14 | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| Czechia | Maturitní Zkouška/ 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 | Ylioppilastutkintodistust 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 | Apolytirion (High School Leaving Certificate) | 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 | Malayasia 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 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3+ 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 | Swiactwo 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 |

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|---|--|---|---|---|---|
| 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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|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| 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 (for syllabus 0500 Listening and Speaking must be separately endorsed on the certificate) | 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 (for syllabus 0510 Listening and Speaking must be separately endorsed on the certificate) | 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 |

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| | Psychology FY and 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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| | Psychology FY and 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.