

Undergraduate exemptions	International Year One/ UTP 3-semester	International Year One/UTP 2-semester	International Year One/UTP 1-semester	Undergraduate direct entry
IELTS	5	5.5	6	6 (minimum 5.5 in each subsection)
TOEFL	50	60	77	77
TOEFL Essentials	6.0	6.5	8.5	8.5
PTEA	41	44	51	51
Duolingo English test	75	90	120	120
IB	English Language A HL: 4 Qualifies for 2-semester IYO		English Language A HL: 5	English Language A HL: 5
IGCSE/GCSE	English First Language with C (5) or better. Not predicted scores. (3 years or newer) Qualifies for 1-semester IYO			English First Language with C (5) or better. Not predicted scores.
A levels (A/AS)	English First Language or Literature in English with C or better. Not predicted scores. Qualifies for 1-semester IYO			English First Language with C or better. Not predicted scores.
US high school	Completion of diploma and/or two or more years of secondary transcripts reflecting English medium and satisfactory grades in secondary English coursework. Qualifies for 1-semester IYO			Completion of diploma and/or two or more years of secondary transcripts reflecting English medium and satisfactory grades in secondary English coursework.
International high school (English medium of instruction)	3 final years of high school in English, mainstream English classes, with grades of C or better in non-ESL classes. Qualifies for 1-semester IYO			3 final years of high school in English, mainstream English classes, with grades of B or better in non-ESL classes.
US post-secondary institutions	Completion of 24 transferrable credit hours from a regionally accredited institution. Qualifies for 1-semester IYO			Completion of 24 transferrable credit hours from a regionally accredited institution
SAT	Minimum Reading test score of 24 on the SAT Qualifies for 2-semester IYO		Minimum Reading test score of 26 on the SAT. Qualifies for 1-semester IYO	1030 overall SAT for admission 26 minimum Reading test score for English placement
ACT	16 Reading and 16 English/Writing Qualifies for 2-semester IYO		20 Reading and 20 English/Writing. Qualifies for 1-semester IYO	20 Reading and 20 English/ Writing
HKDSE	English Level 3 or better Qualifies for 1-semester IYO			English Level 3 or better
Malaysia SPM	English 119 with C or better Qualifies for 1-semester IYO			English 119 with C or better
WAEC	Grade C6 in English Language Qualifies for 1-semester IYO			No
Cambridge English: First	154	162	No	No
Cambridge English: Proficiency	154	162	169	No
Cambridge English: Advanced	154	162	169	No
Gaokao	105	110	120	No
Completion of Academic English	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 5
African (Anglophone): Botswana, Cameroon, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe	Yes, for high school graduates from these countries where medium of instruction is English			Yes, for high school graduates from these countries where medium of instruction is English.
Nigerian citizens	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Commonwealth Caribbean (Anglophone): Anguilla, Antigua & Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Trinidad & Tobago, Turks & Caicos, US Virgin Islands	Yes Qualifies for 1-semester IYO			Yes
Australia	Yes Qualifies for 1-semester IYO			Yes
Canada, except Quebec (French)	Yes Qualifies for 1-semester IYO			Yes
Irish Republic	Yes Qualifies for 1-semester IYO			Yes
New Zealand	Yes Qualifies for 1-semester IYO			Yes
United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales)	Yes Qualifies for 1-semester IYO			Yes

English Waiver Guidelines

Graduate exemptions	2-semester Graduate Pathway	1-semester Integrated Master's Program	Graduate direct entry
IELTS	5.5	6.5	6.5
TOEFL	65	80	80
TOEFL Essentials	7.0	8.5	8.5
PTEA	44	53	53
Duolingo English test	95	120	120
Completion of Academic English	Level 4	Level 5	Level 5
GRE Verbal Reasoning score (equivalent of or higher than)	148	153	No
Bachelor's or graduate degree from a regionally accredited US institution	Yes Qualifies for Integrated Master's Program		Yes
English waived if degree earned in English from one of the listed approved countries below and meets GPA minimum requirement	Yes	Yes	Yes
Citizens of: Antigua, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, Botswana, Cameroon, Canada (except Quebec), Cayman Islands, Ghana, Irish Republic, Jamaica, Kenya, Malawi, New Zealand, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tanzania, Trinidad & Tobago, Uganda, United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales), Zambia, Zimbabwe	Yes	Yes	Yes

Estimated Academic English level based on test scores

All students take a placement test during orientation to determine their AE level. The table below shows your estimated level of AE based on your standardized test scores.

Academic English level	TOEFL iBT	TOEFL Essentials	IELTS	Duolingo
Level 2	30-40	3	3.0-3.5	65-70
Level 3	41-51	4.5	4.0-4.5	75-80
Level 4	52-59	6	5.0-5.5	85-90
Level 5	60-80	7	5.5-6.0	95-110

English waiver may not be applicable if individual program has additional requirements. Final level placement depends on evaluated GPA.