

IYO: International Year One

UTP: Undergraduate Transfer Program

All English waivers are valid for two years

Undergraduate exemptions	International Year One 5-semester/ Comprehensive UTP	International Year One 4-semester/UTP	Undergraduate direct entry
IELTS (including IELTS Online Academic and One Skill Retake for IYO and UTP)	5.0 (4.5 subscores)	5.5 (5.0 subscores)	6.5 (subscores of 6.0)
TOEFL (including MyBest Score and TOEFL iBT Home Edition)	50 (10 subscores)	60 (11 subscores)	80 (18 subscores)
TOEFL Essentials	6.0 (5.0 subscores)	6.5 (6.0 subscores)	8.5 (8.0 subscores)
PTEA	41	44	53
iTEP	3.0	3.5	No
Duolingo - after 07/15/2019	75	90	105
IB	No	English HL: 4	English A HL: 5
IGCSE/GCSE	No	English First Language or English Language with C (5) or better.	English First Language or English Language with C (5) or better.
A levels (A/AS)	No	English First Language with C or better.	English First Language with C or better.
US High school	No	3 final years of High school in English, mainstream English classes, with grades of C or better in non-ESL classes.	3 final years of High school in English, mainstream English classes, with grades of B or better in non-ESL classes.
International High school (English medium of instruction)	No	Grade of C or better in mainstream, non-ESL English courses.	Grade of B or better in mainstream, non-ESL English courses.
SAT	440 Evidence-based Reading and Writing	480 Evidence-based Reading and Writing	550 Evidence-based Reading and Writing
ACT	14 English	17 English	21 English
HKDSE	No	English Level 3 or better	No
Malaysia SPM	No	English 119 with C or better	No
WAEC	No	No	No
AP	No	Language and Composition or Literature and Composition with 3 or better	No
Cambridge English: First	154 (147 subscores)	162 (154 subscores)	No
Cambridge English: Proficiency	154 (147 subscores)	162 (154 subscores)	No
Cambridge English: Advanced	154 (147 subscores)	162 (154 subscores)	No
Gaokao	105	110	120
NCUK	NCUK EAP module grade of C or higher		NCUK EAP module grade of B or higher
Completion of Academic English	N/A	Level 4	Level 6
African (Anglophone): Botswana, Cameroon, Kenya, Gambia, Ghana, Gibraltar, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Mauritius, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe	Yes Qualifies for 4-semester IYO		Yes
Americas (Anglophone): Canada (except Quebec), Falkland Islands/Malvinas, Guyana, United States Minor Outlying Islands	Yes Qualifies for 4-semester IYO		Yes

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Caribbean (Anglophone): Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, Montserrat, Puerto Rico, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, Turks and Caicos, US Virgin Islands	Yes Qualifies for 4-semester IYO		Yes
Oceania (Anglophone): American Samoa, Australia, Christmas Island, Cook Island, Fiji, Guam, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Norfolk Island, Northern Mariana Islands, New Zealand, Palau, Philippines, Pitcairn, Solomon Islands	Yes Qualifies for 4-semester IYO		Yes
British Territories: British Indian Ocean Territories, St. Helena	Yes Qualifies for 4-semester IYO		Yes
Irish Republic	Yes Qualifies for 4-semester IYO		Yes
Singapore	Yes Qualifies for 4-semester IYO		Yes
United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales)	Yes Qualifies for 4-semester IYO		Yes

Graduate exemptions	Graduate Pathway 2-semester	Integrated Master's Program 1-semester	Graduate Direct entry
IELTS (including IELTS Online Academic and One Skill Retake for PW/IMP)	5.5 (5.0 subscores)	6.5 (6.0 subscores)	6.5 (6.0 subscores)
TOEFL (including MyBest Score and TOEFL iBT Home Edition)	65 (14 subscores)	80 (18 subscores)	80 (18 subscores)
TOEFL Essentials	7.0 (6.5 subscores)	8.5 (8.0 subscores)	8.5 (8.0 subscores)
PTEA	44	53	N/A
Duolingo - after 07/15/2019	95	105	105
iTEP	3.5	N/A	N/A
Completion of Academic English	Level 4	Level 6	Level 6
GRE score	No	No	No
Bachelor's or graduate degree from a regionally accredited US institution	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bachelor's or graduate degree from a recognized institution located in: American Samoa, Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, Botswana, British Indian Ocean Territories, Cameroon, Canada (except Quebec-French), Cayman Islands, Christmas Island, Cook Islands, Dominica, Falkland Islands/Malvinas, Fiji, Gambia, Ghana, Gibraltar, Grenada, Guam, Guyana, Ireland, Jamaica, Kenya, Kiribati, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Federated States of Micronesia, Montserrat, Namibia, Nevis and Saint Kitts, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norfolk Island, Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, Philippines, Pitcairn, Puerto Rico, Rwanda, Saint Helena, Saint Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Trinidad and Tobago, Turks and Caicos Islands, Uganda, United Kingdom, US Minor Outlying Islands, British Virgin Islands, US Virgin Islands, 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 is based off your standardized test scores.

Estimated AE level	TOEFL iBT	IELTS	Duolingo
1	<32	<3.5	<55
2	33-40	4	55
3	41-49	4.5	65
4	50-59	5	75