

English Waiver Guidelines

University of Alabama at Birmingham

Table 1: Undergraduate Exemptions

	International Year One/UTP 3-Semester	International Year One/UTP 2-Semester	International Year One/UTP 1-Semester/International Direct	Undergraduate Direct Entry
IELTS (including IELTS Online Academic)	5	5.5	6	6 (minimum 5.5 in each subsection)
TOEFL (including TOEFL Home edition)	50	60	77	77
TOEFL Essentials	6	6.5	8.5	8.5
PTEA	41	44	53	54
Duolingo	80	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.
Singapore Cambridge O-level	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. (3 years or newer)
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	440 Evidence based Reading and Writing		520 Evidence Based Reading and Writing	520 Evidence Based Reading and Writing

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
NCUK	NCUK EAP module grade of D	NCUK EAP module grade of C	NCUK EAP module grade of B	NCUK EAP module grade of B
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 Acadmic English	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 5
African (Anglophone): Botswana, Cameroon, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe	Yes. High school graduates from these countries where medium of instruction is English.			Yes. 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. Kits & Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Trinidad & Tobago, Turks & Caicos, US Virgin Islands	Yes			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
United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales)	Yes Qualifies for 1 Semester IYO			Yes
New Zealand	Yes Qualifies for 1 Semester IYO			Yes

Table 2: Graduate Exemptions

	2-Semester Graduate Pathway	1- Semester Integrated Master's Program	Graduate Direct Entry
IELTS (including IELTS Online Academic)	5.5	6.5	6.5
TOEFL (including TOEFL Home edition)	65	80	80
TOEFL Essentials	7	8.5	8.5
PTEA	46	56	56
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 U.S. Institution	Yes, Qualifies for Integrated Master's Program		Yes
English waived if degree earned in English from one of the approved countries listed below and meets GPA minimum requirement: Antigua, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, Botswana, Cameroon, Canada (except Quebec), Cayman Islands, Gambia, 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