

SAE Institute Undergraduate English Language Requirements for January – September 2020 Entry

Section B5 of the University Regulations outlines the requirements for English Language that all applicants whose first language is not English are required to meet. Many English Language Qualifications have an expiry date. These tests will only be considered if they are valid at the point of entry.

Applicants are expected to demonstrate to the required level their English Language capability. There are a number of ways this can be achieved. An applicant can:

1. Reach a satisfactory standard in an approved test in English as outlined in the 'SAE Institute Approved English Language Tests' List, or;
2. Offer the successful completion of a full Bachelors or Master's degree from an approved University that has been taught and assessed in English and a NARIC certificate is provided, or;
3. Be a national of a majority English speaking country if during the application process it has been demonstrated that they are able to understand all facets of English competencies to the required level.

Majority English-speaking countries are defined as follows: Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Canada, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Ireland, Jamaica, New Zealand, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom and USA.

Applicants who are hoping to meet the English Language requirement as described in point 2 above will be required to submit a NARIC certificate confirming the equivalent level of the degree alongside an official letter from the University confirming that the degree was taught in English or an original and official certificate from the University where the degree was awarded confirming that the degree was taught or researched in a majority English-speaking country.

Approved Universities are:

1. Any University accredited by a government of a majority English speaking country.
2. Universities and Community Colleges based in Hong Kong and Singapore.
3. University of Malta.

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Exemptions granted by test providers for applicants with disabilities, who cannot demonstrate all four competencies of English language, will normally be taken into consideration and accepted at the point of admission.

General Qualifications

Qualification	Level Required
GCSE/ IGCSE/ O-Level/ International Cambridge O Level English (as a first or second language)	Grade C or above or Grade 4-9 if taken in England since September 2016
UKVI Academic IELTS	6.0 overall with 5.5 in each component
Pearson Test of English	51 overall with 51 in each component
TOEFL (IBT)	72 overall with the following component scores: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening – 17 • Writing – 17 • Speaking – 20 • Reading - 18
Scottish National Grade 5 or Intermediate Grade 2	C
Cambridge First, Advanced, Proficiency (taken after January 2015)	169 overall with at least 162 in each component
Cambridge ESOL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPE Grade C • CAE Grade B
International Baccalaureate English A1 (Standard or Higher)	Grade 5
International Baccalaureate English B (Higher Level)	Grade 5
Trinity College (ISE only)	ISE II as evidence of all skills in English (B2)
TEEP Uni of Reading	6.0 overall with 5.5 in each component
City and Guilds International ESOL	Communicator

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Michigan (MELAB) NB ECPE scores must be converted to MELAB	80
European Baccalaureate Language 1	Grade 6.0
European Baccalaureate Language 2	Grade 6.0
European Baccalaureate Language 3	Grade 7.5
ESB ESOL International	Level 1, Step 2
Ascentis/Aim Level 2 Certificate in ESOL International	Pass
Pre-Sessional English programmes that are BALEARP accredited and studied in the UK (click here for guidance)	Pass
Year 1 of University study taught in English (only for applicants not requiring a Tier 4 Visa)	

Country Specific Qualifications

Country	Qualification	Level Required
Austria	Matura/Reifeprüfung	2 (gut in English when both written and oral exams have been taken)
Belgium	Diploma van Secundair Onderwijs or Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire Superieur	Distinction in English

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Bulgaria	Secondary School Diploma	Not accepted, please complete another qualification or enquire about our Academic Essay pathway.
Croatia	Maturi Extended English	Grade 4 or 5 in English
Cyprus	Apolyterion	Apolyterion final average of 18/20
Czech Republic	Vysvedceni o Maturitni Zkousce/Maturita	Grade 2 in English
Denmark	Studentereksamen	Grade 7 in English
Estonia	Gumnaasumi Loputunnistus	Pass in the English State Exam at Level B2
Finland	Ylioppilastutkintotodistus	5 (magna cum laude approbatur) in English
France	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • French Baccaalaureate (General) • French Baccaalaureate (OIB) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 (bien) in English • 14/20 in English
Germany	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abitur/Zeugnis der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife • Fachhochschulreife • DAAD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 (gut) in English when taken as an achievement/main/intensive course • 2 (gut) in English • B2
Greece	Apolyterion	Apolyterion final average of 18/20

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Hong Kong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HKALE Use of English • HKCEE English Language • HKDSE English Language • Associate Degree, Higher Degree or Degree taught in English (with evidence from the institution confirming the language of Instruction) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade E or above • Level 3 or above • Level 3 or above • Pass
Hungary	Advanced Level Matura (Erettsegi)	English Advanced Level at Grade 4
Iceland	Studentsprof	8 in English when taken as a compulsory language
India	Standard XII	65% in English
Italy	Diploma Di Stato	60/100 with a Transcript confirming that you have studied English.
Kenya	Kenyan Certificate of Secondary Education	Grade C+ or above
Latvia	Atestatas par visparejo videjo izglitibu	Grade 8 at Level A in English
Lithuania	Brandos Atestatas	Grade 8 in English B2 Level
Luxembourg	Diplome de Fin d'Etudes Secondaires	45 (bien) in English

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Malaysia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UCLES 1119 Syllabus • SPM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade C • C6 or Better
Malta	MATSEC	Grade 5 or above
Netherlands	VWO	7 in English
Norway	Vitnemal	Grade 4 in English
Poland	Matura (new)	<p>Oral: 65%</p> <p>Written Basic: 75%</p> <p>Extended: 60%</p>
Portugal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificado de fim de Estudos Secundários (previously Certidão do Décimo Segundo Ano) • Diploma Nível Secundário de Educação/ Certificado Nível Secundário de Educação 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 • 16
Romania	Baccalaureat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum of B2 in the 5 English components
Singapore	Polytechnics in Singapore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy of a successfully completed qualification from a Polytechnic in Singapore; and, • A copy of the IELTS certificate used to

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gain admissions to the Polytechnic (only if valid at the start date of your course in Singapore). The IELTS certificate must meet our minimum English language requirements with a score of 6.0 overall and 5.5 in each skill.

Slovakia	Maturita	English Grade 2
South Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Senior Certificate Senior Certificate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 C
Spain	Curso de Orientacion Universitaria (COU)	Not accepted, please complete an alternative qualification or enquire into our Academic Essay pathway.
Sri Lanka	Sri Lankan A Level English	Grade A
Sweden	Slutbetyg fran Komvux/Avgangsbetyg	VG (val godkant) in English or Grade C in English (if completed after 2014)
Switzerland	Maturita	5 (gut/bien/bene) in English
Tanzania	Certificate of Secondary Education (CSE)	C
Thailand	Thai universities international programmes that are taught entirely in English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A copy of your successfully completed qualification from the Thai University International programme that is taught

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		entirely in English; and,
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A copy of the IELTS certificate that you used to gain admission to the programme. This must have been valid at the start date of your programme in Thailand. The test must meet our minimum requirement with a score of 6.0 overall and 5.5 in each skill.
Uganda	Ugandan Certificate of Education (UCE)	6
USA	US High School Diploma (only for students who have studied in the US)	C or GPA or 2 in the English language component from Grade 12
West Africa (Ghana, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Liberia, and Gambia)	WAEC/WASSCE/SSSCE/NECO	C6 or above
Zimbabwe	Zimbabwe General Certificate of Education at Ordinary Level (ZIMSEC)	C

Other EU qualifications may be accepted at the discretion of our Admissions Office. To enquire about the validity of your English language qualification, please email ukadmissions@sae.edu.