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Teaching in Irish Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) is normally through the medium of English; therefore, all applicants are required to demonstrate a high level of competence in English Language.

Applicants presenting Irish Leaving Certificate or A-level are expected to meet English language requirements through those examinations (Leaving Certificate: minimum H7/O6, A level minimum GCSE 4/C). Applicants presenting other examinations, must normally provide an English result as part of that examination. If the grade in English is below the requirement or the result is more than 2 years old, the applicant must also present evidence of equivalent competence in English Language, through their school leaving examination or matriculation examination or by achieving the minimum standard **(there may be higher levels for matriculation and/or particular programmes in individual institutions)** in a recognised English language test, as specified below (note applicants are assessed on the results of a single sitting only):

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| **TEST**  | **REQUIREMENTS**  |
| **EU Countries’ Matriculation Examination**  | Matriculation Examinations from European Countries where English is presented as a subject and an acceptable level is achieved. Where the examination has been taken more than 2 years previously candidates may be required to take a proficiency test. Where an English proficiency test which is scored on the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) is presented as part of a school-leaving qualification, grade must be C1/C2.  |
| **Duolingo DET**  | A score of 120 is required with at least 110 in each subscore.  |
| **English Test for Academic and Professional Purposes (ETAPP):**  | With grade C1 or better (CEFR Level C1 or C2)  |
| **IELCA Academic**  | Minimum score 35 with a minimum of 33 in each band  |
| **International English Language Testing System (IELTS) - Academic**  | An average score of 6.5 over all components and a minimum of 6.0 in each band. Note: In 2024 we will accept IELTS indicator. It may not be recognised after that depending on the outcome of a review.  |
| **University of Cambridge:**  | 176+ on Cambridge English scale with no less than 169 in each skill and use of English i.e. Proficiency Certificate, Grade C or better (CEFR Level C1 or C2) Advanced Certificate, Grade C or better (CEFR Level C1 or C2) First Certificate, Grade A (CEFR Level C1)  |

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| **TEST**  | **REQUIREMENTS**  |
| **Language Cert**  | B2 Communicator High Pass with no less than 33 in each skill taken with no more than 3 months between components.  |
| **Language Cert Academic**  | 70 overall will 65 in each skill  |
| **Oxford Test of English**  | Minimum score of 140 overall with a minimum score of 125 in each skill.  |
| **Pearson English language text (PTE Academic):**  | minimum of 63 (with at least 59 for each item in the Communicative Skills section).  |
| **QQI FET ESL**  | Merit in the module “English as a Second Language” or “Communications” (level 5)  |
| **Skills for English UKBI B2 (4 Component Test)**  | Pass with Merit in all components  |
| **Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)**  | iBT: 90 (no less than 21 in writing and at least 19 in every other section) in the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) Note: In 2024 we will accept TOEFL Home Edition. It may not be recognised after that depending on the outcome of a review.  |
| **Trinity ISE**  | Trinity ISE III with at least merit in each skill category  |
| **UK Examining Boards/Bodies**  | GCE O Level English Language at Grade C/4 or above GCSE English Language at Grade C/4 or above GCSE English Literature at Grade C/4 or above CSE Grade 1 Pass in English  |
| **University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate (UCLES)**  | with English at grade C or above (incorporating the Oxford Examining Body’s English as a Foreign Language (Higher Paper)  |

 Proficiency tests are used to meet entry requirements but do not count towards points scores. For all proficiency tests the results must normally have issued within two years prior to the start of your course (i.e., for entry in September 2024, only results attained since 1 February 2022 will be accepted).

Note: Where an applicant shows evidence of hearing impairment which meets the requirements for access, the English language requirements can be met without the hearing and speaking components

Entry Requirements Criteria for EU/EFTA/UK Applicants [click here](https://www2.cao.ie/downloads/documents/2024/Guidelines-EU-EFTA-UK-2024.pdf)