



English Qualification Equivalencies

If English is not your native language, you will need to demonstrate proficiency in English in order to study at the College.

The College's English language requirements are as follows:

| Qualification | Grade |
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| IELTS (Academic) | 7.0 with a minimum of 6.5 in all 4 components (Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing) |
| TOEFL iBT | 100 overall with minimum of 23 Reading and Listening, 25 Writing and Speaking |
| Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE) | 185 overall with no less than 176 in any component |
| Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE) | 185 overall with no less than 176 in any component |
| Pearson Test of English (Academic) (PTE) | 69 overall, with a minimum of 62 in each component |
| IB (English) | English A: English Language & Literature or English Literature HL4 or SL5. English B: HL5 or SL7. |
| GCSE or iGCSE English First Language | B |

Please note that English tests must have been obtained within two years prior to you starting your course at NCH.

EU/EEA undergraduate students who have taken higher level English as part of their secondary school examinations, or who have been educated entirely in English for a minimum of three years prior to application, may be exempt from these requirements. EU/EEA applicants may provide evidence of their English proficiency with one of the below secondary school qualifications. This qualification must have been taken within the last 2 years prior to application.

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| Country and Qualification | Grade |
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| Austria - Reifeprüfungszeugnis | 2 (gut) in both Written & Oral English |
| Belgium - Diploma van Secundair Onderwijs/ Certificate d'Enseignement Secondaire Superieur | 80% (grote onderscheiding) / 16/20 (avec grande distinction in English |
| Denmark - Studentereksamen | 10 in English |
| Finland - Ylioppilastutkintotodistus | 5 (M) magna cum laude approbatur in English |
| France - Baccalaureate - General | 15 where English is the first foreign language (LV1) |
| France - Baccalaureat - (Option Int'l de Bacc) British or American option | 15 in English |
| Germany - Abitur | 13 in English as Leistungskurs |
| Iceland - Stúdentspróf (bóknámsbraut) | 9 in English as a compulsory subject |
| Luxembourg Diplôme de Fin d'Etudes Secondaires | 45% in English |
| Malta - Matriculation and Secondary Education Certificate (MATSEC) | C in English |
| Netherlands - Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs (VWO) | 8 (goed) in English |
| Norway - Vitnemål fra den Videregående Skole | 5 when English is taken as a Common Core Subject |
| Poland - Matura | 80% when English is taken as an Extended Subject |
| Sweden - Fullständigt Slutbetyg från Gymnasieskolan | Grade C in English |
| Switzerland - Switzerland Certificat de Maturité / Maturitätszeugnis / Attestato di Maturità | 5 (bien/gut/bene) in English |
| European Baccalaureate | 70% at L1 English or 80% at L2 English. L3 English not acceptable. |
| International Baccalaureate | 4 HL or 5 SL when taken as English A or 5 HL or 7 SL when taken as English B. |

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If you need a **visa** to study in the UK, normally we only accept the IELTS test from an UKVI approved centre (SELT) and not any other English language tests due to the visa requirements set by the UK Government.

Exceptions to this are if you have studied for at least 6 months in the last 2 years in the UK for A levels or IB as a Tier 4 (Child) student OR if you are a national or have successfully completed a bachelor's degree from one of the following countries. In this case, you are not required to complete an additional English language test.

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| Antigua and Barbuda | Ireland |
| Australia | Jamaica |
| The Bahamas | New Zealand |
| Barbados | St Kitts and Nevis |
| Belize | St Lucia |
| Canada (only applies to Nationals) | St Vincent and the Grenadines |
| Dominica | Trinidad and Tobago |
| Grenada | United Kingdom |
| Guyana | United States |

Postgraduate students will need to have obtained an undergraduate degree from one of the countries in the table above within the past five years. Alternatively they will need to have obtained an approved English language test in the last two years which meets our entry requirements. International postgraduate applicants who require a visa to study in the UK will need to meet the UKVI English language requirements outlined above.

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