



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
IELTS (Academic)	7.0 with a minimum of 6.5 in all 4 components (Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing)
LanguageCert International ESOL SELT	C1 Expert with Pass (25/50) in all four skills
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
GCSE or iGCSE English First Language	B or 6
International Baccalaureate (IB)	English A: English Language & Literature or English Literature HL4 or SL5. English B: HL5 or SL7.
European Baccalaureate (EB)	70% at L1 English or 80% at L2 English. L3 English not acceptable.

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

Undergraduate applicants who have taken higher level English as part of their secondary school examinations (please see list below), may be exempt from these requirements. This qualification must have been taken within the last 2 years prior to application. International students who have studied in the UK for the past two years to obtain for example A-levels

may also be exempt from these requirements. Any English grades in qualifications not covered below will be considered on an individual basis.

Country and Qualification	Grade
Austria - Reifeprüfungszeugnis	2 (gut) in English (written exam)
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
Hong Kong - HKDSE	Level 5 in the English core component
Iceland - Stúdentsspróf (bóknámsbraut)	9 in English as a compulsory subject
India – Standard XII (CISCE and CBSE)	Grade 85% in English
Luxembourg Diplôme de Fin d'Etudes Secondaires	45% in English
Malta - Matriculation and Secondary Education Certificate (MATSEC)	C in English
Malaysia – SPM (1119)	Grade B 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

Country and Qualification	Grade
Poland - Matura	80% when English is taken as an Extended Subject
Singapore – O-Level	Grade B4 in English
Singapore – Integrated Programme	Grade B English Language
Sweden - Fullständigt Slutbetyg från Gymnasieskolan	Grade C in English
Switzerland - Switzerland Certificat de Maturité / Maturitätszeugnis / Attestato di Maturità	5 (bien/gut/bene) in English

If you are applying for a Postgraduate programme and are a national or have successfully completed a bachelor's degree from one of the following countries within the past five years, then you are not required to complete an additional English language test.

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

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