



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)	6.5 overall with a minimum of 6.0 in all four components (Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing)
LanguageCert International ESOL SELT	B2 Communicator High Pass with 33 in all four components
TOEFL iBT	90 overall with minimum of 20 in all four components (Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing)
Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE)	176 overall with no less than 169 in any component
Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE)	176 overall with no less than 169 in any component
Pearson Test of English (Academic) (PTE)	60 overall, with a minimum of 55 in each component
Duolingo	115 overall with 95 in each component
GCSE or iGCSE English Language or English Literature	4 or C
iGCSE English as a First Language	4 or C (Speaking and Listening must be separately endorsed on the certificate)
iGCSE English as a Second Language	6 or B (Speaking and Listening must be separately endorsed on the certificate)
AS-level/A-level English Language or English Language & Literature or English Literature	C
International Baccalaureate (IB)	English A: English Language & Literature or English Literature HL4 or SL5 English B: HL5 or SL7
European Baccalaureate (EB)	70% or 7 at L1 English 80% or 8 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. Applicants who have been educated full-time in the medium of the English language in 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/ Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire Supérieur	14/20 or 70%
Denmark - Studentereksamen	7
Finland - Ylioppilastutkintodistus	Grade M/5 (magna cum laude approbatur)
France - Baccalaureate - General	13 where English is the first foreign language (LV1/LVA)
France - Baccalaureat - (Option Int'l de Bacc) British or American option	12
Germany - Abitur	12 in English as Leistungskurs
Hong Kong - HKDSE	Level 4 in the English core component
Iceland - Stúdentspróf (bóknámsbraut)	8 in English as a compulsory subject
India - Standard XII (CISCE and CBSE)	70% overall in the English component
Luxembourg Diplôme de Fin d'Etudes Secondaires	45% (bien)
Malta - Matriculation and Secondary Education Certificate (MATSEC)	C

Malaysia – SPM (1119)	C
Netherlands - Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs (VWO)	7
Norway - Vitnemål fra den Videregående Skole	4 when English is taken as a Common Core Subject
Poland - Matura	70% when English is taken as an Extended Subject
Singapore – O-Level	C
Singapore – Integrated Programme	C in English Language or Language Arts
Sweden - Fullständigt Slutbetyg från Gymnasieskolan	English 7 at Grade C (VG)
Switzerland - Switzerland Certificat de Maturité / Maturitätszeugnis / Attestato di Maturità	5 (on a scale of 6) 7 (on a scale of 10)

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

You also do not need to prove your knowledge of English if one of the following applies:

- You are a national of Canada
- You are applying to come to the UK for a study abroad programme as part of a university degree course in the USA
- You proved your level of English in a previous visa application.

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