

Guidance on English Language Entry Requirements

The following table lists the College's English language requirements for entry to the International A-Level Programme, other Level 3 vocational programmes and our Higher Education courses.

Changes to UK Visas & Immigration guidelines mean that IELTS is the only test we are able to accept when taken overseas. You must do the IELTS Academic test (**not** IELTS Life Skills or General Training) and it must be the version of the test 'for UKVI Purposes', taken at an approved secure IELTS test centre.

English Test	International A-Level Programme	Level 3 Vocational Programmes	Higher Education Courses*
IELTS Test Validity: 2 years	A minimum of 6.0 overall with at least 5.5 in each band	A minimum of 6.0 overall with at least 5.5 in each band	A minimum of 6.5 overall with at least 6.0 in each band

** In some cases IELTS 7.0 may be required for Higher Education.

We strongly advise applicants to book their test online at <http://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/ielts-ukvi/book-ielts-ukvi> to ensure that they book the correct version.

Applicants who are currently studying in the UK (doing GCSEs, for example) may be able to take one of the tests offered by the Trinity College London exam board instead of IELTS. These tests are offered at several different levels, so for advice on whether a certain test would meet our requirements please contact us at: international@yorkcollege.ac.uk. In general we advise students to take IELTS.

Documents required

You must provide a scan of your original Test Report Form. We will check this against the IELTS online verification system to ensure that the scores are genuine. We will also check that the form includes the UKVI Number which indicates that the test was taken for UKVI purposes – if it does not you will not be able to use it for your visa application and will have to take the test again.