

Study Abroad and Exchanges English Language Entry Requirements 2026-27 for International Partner Countries

Australia

- All Australian nationals currently studying with one of our Australian exchange partners do not have to submit an English language proficiency document whether they are applying to us for a full year or one semester placement.
- All non-native English-speaking nationals currently studying with one of our Australian exchange partners and applying for a one semester placement do not have to submit an English language proficiency document.
- All non-native English-speaking nationals currently studying with one of our Australian exchange partners and applying for a full year placement **must** submit an English language proficiency document due to UKVI visa requirements. The list of acceptable ELP documents and required grades/test scores per subject can be found [here](#).

Argentina

- All Argentinian nationals currently studying with one of our Argentinian exchange partners and applying for a full year or one semester placement must submit an English language proficiency document due to UKVI visa requirements. The list of acceptable ELP documents and required grades/test scores per subject can be found [here](#).

Brazil

- All Brazilian nationals currently studying with one of our Brazilian exchange partners and applying for a full year or one semester placement must submit an English language proficiency document due to UKVI visa requirements. The list of acceptable ELP documents and required grades/test scores per subject can be found [here](#).

Canada

- All Canadian nationals currently studying with one of our Canadian exchange partners outside of Quebec do not have to submit an English language proficiency document whether they are applying to us for a full year or one semester placement.
- All Canadian nationals currently studying with one of our Canadian exchange partners in Quebec **must** submit a copy of their official High School certificate whether they are applying to us for a full year or one semester placement.
- All non-native English-speaking nationals currently studying with one of our Canadian exchange partners and who studied at a High School in Canada **must** submit a copy of their official High School certificate if they are applying to us for a full year or one semester placement.
- All non-native English-speaking nationals currently studying with one of our Canadian exchange partners and who did not study at a High School in Canada and are applying for a full year, or one semester placement **must** submit an English language proficiency document. The list of acceptable ELP documents and required grades/test scores per subject can be found [here](#).

Chile

- All Chilean nationals currently studying with one of our Chilean exchange partners and applying for a full year or one semester placement must submit an English language proficiency document due to UKVI visa requirements. The list of acceptable ELP documents and required grades/test scores per subject can be found [here](#).

China (partner universities outside of Hong Kong)

- All Chinese nationals currently studying with one of our Chinese exchange partners (outside of Hong Kong) and applying for a full year or one semester placement must submit an English language proficiency document due to UKVI visa requirements. The list of acceptable ELP documents and required grades/test scores per subject can be found [here](#).
- Students studying at the University of Nottingham, Ningbo campus are exempt from providing an ELP document.

China (partner universities in Hong Kong)

- The HKDSE (Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education) English is acceptable if the student has achieved the required English grade for their chosen subject, and it is no more than two years old at the start of the student's studies at UoB (not achieved before summer 2023).
- All Chinese nationals currently studying with one of our Chinese exchange partners in Hong Kong and applying for a full year or one semester placement must submit an English language proficiency document due to UKVI visa requirements. The list of acceptable ELP documents and required grades/test scores per subject can be found [here](#).

Colombia

- All Colombian nationals currently studying with one of our Colombian exchange partners and applying for a full year or one semester placement must submit an English language proficiency document due to UKVI visa requirements. The list of acceptable ELP documents and required grades/test scores per subject can be found [here](#).

Ecuador

- All Ecuadorian nationals currently studying with one of our Ecuadorian exchange partners and applying for a full year or one semester placement must submit an English language proficiency document due to UKVI visa requirements. The list of acceptable ELP documents and required grades/test scores per subject can be found [here](#).

Ghana

- The West African Senior School Certificate is acceptable if the student has achieved a C grade for English, there is no validity period for Ghanaian nationals.
- All Ghanaian nationals currently studying with our Ghanaian exchange partner and applying for a full year or one semester placement must submit an English language proficiency document due to UKVI visa requirements. The list of acceptable ELP documents and required grades/test scores per subject can be found [here](#).

India

- The India Standard XII (CBSE/CISCE/West Bengal) is acceptable if the student has achieved the required English grade for their chosen subject and there is no validity period.
- All Indian nationals currently studying with one of our Indian exchange partners and applying for a full year or one semester placement must submit an English language proficiency document due to UKVI visa requirements. The list of acceptable ELP documents and required grades/test scores per subject can be found [here](#).

Indonesia

- All Indonesian nationals currently studying with one of our Indonesian exchange partners and applying for a full year or one semester placement must submit an English language proficiency document due to UKVI visa requirements. The list of acceptable ELP documents and required grades/test scores per subject can be found [here](#).

Israel

- All Israeli nationals currently studying with one of our Israeli exchange partners and applying for a full year or one semester placement must submit an English language proficiency document due to UKVI visa requirements. The list of acceptable ELP documents and required grades/test scores per subject can be found [here](#).

Japan

- All Japanese nationals currently studying with one of our Japanese exchange partners and applying for a full year or one semester placement must submit an English language proficiency document due to UKVI visa requirements. The list of acceptable ELP documents and required grades/test scores per subject can be found [here](#).

South Korea

- All South Korean nationals currently studying with one of our South Korea exchange partners and applying for a full year or one semester placement must submit an English language proficiency document due to UKVI visa requirements. The list of acceptable ELP documents and required grades/test scores per subject can be found [here](#).

Malaysia

- The Malaysian SPM 1119 (Cambridge O Level) is acceptable if the student has achieved a C grade or above, and it is no more than four years old at the start of the student's studies at UoB (not achieved before summer 2021).
- All Malaysian nationals currently studying with one of our Malaysian exchange partners and applying for a full year or one semester placement must submit an English language proficiency document due to UKVI visa requirements. The list of acceptable ELP documents and required grades/test scores per subject can be found [here](#).
- Students studying at the University of Nottingham, Malaysia campus are exempt from providing an ELP document.

Mexico

- All Mexican nationals currently studying with one of our Mexican exchange partners and applying for a full year or one semester placement must submit an English language proficiency document due to UKVI visa requirements. The list of acceptable ELP documents and required grades/test scores per subject can be found [here](#).

New Zealand

- All New Zealand nationals currently studying with our New Zealand exchange partner do not have to submit an English language proficiency document whether they are applying to us for a full year or one semester placement.
- All non-native English-speaking nationals currently studying with one of our New Zealand exchange partners and applying for a one semester placement do not have to submit an English language proficiency document.
- All non-native English-speaking nationals currently studying with one of our New Zealand exchange partners and applying for a full year placement **must** submit an English language proficiency document due to UKVI visa requirements. The list of acceptable ELP documents and required grades/test scores per subject can be found [here](#).

Singapore

- The Singaporean GCE O Level, GCE A Level and GCE Integrated Programme documents are all acceptable if the student has achieved the required 'English' grade for their chosen subject (**General Paper is not accepted**).
- All Singaporean nationals currently studying with one of our Singapore exchange partners and applying for a full year or one semester placement must submit an English language proficiency document due to UKVI visa requirements. The list of acceptable ELP documents and required grades/test scores per subject can be found [here](#).

South Africa

- The South African National Senior Certificate (SA NSC or IEB) is acceptable if the student has achieved the required English grade for their chosen subject.
- All South African nationals currently studying with our South Africa exchange partner and applying for a full year, or one semester placement must submit an English language proficiency document due to UKVI visa requirements. The list of acceptable ELP documents and required grades/test scores per subject can be found [here](#).

Taiwan

- All Taiwan nationals currently studying with one of our Taiwan exchange partners and applying for a full year or one semester placement must submit an English language proficiency document due to UKVI visa requirements. The list of acceptable ELP documents and required grades/test scores per subject can be found [here](#).

Thailand

- 'Medium of Instruction' letters from the following Thai universities and programmes are accepted to meet our English proficiency requirement:
- Chulalongkorn University - [International Programs – Chulalongkorn University](#)
- Mahidol University - [Undergraduate Programs - MUIC: Mahidol University International College \(International Programs\) | Study in Thailand](#)
- Students currently studying a different programme at one of the above universities and applying for a full year or one semester placement must submit an English language proficiency document due to UKVI visa requirements. The list of acceptable ELP documents and required grades/test scores per subject can be found [here](#).

Uruguay

- All Uruguayan nationals currently studying with our Uruguay exchange partner and applying for a full year or one semester placement must submit an English language proficiency document due to UKVI visa requirements. The list of acceptable ELP documents and required grades/test scores per subject can be found [here](#).

United States

- All American nationals currently studying with one of our US exchange partners do not have to submit an English language proficiency document whether they are applying to us for a full year or one semester placement.
- All non-native English-speaking nationals currently studying with one of our US exchange partners and applying for a one semester placement do not have to submit an English language proficiency document.
- All non-native English-speaking nationals currently studying with one of our US exchange partners and applying for a full year placement **must** submit an English language proficiency document due to UKVI visa requirements. The list of acceptable ELP documents and required grades/test scores per subject can be found [here](#).

Vietnam

- All Vietnamese nationals currently studying with one of our Vietnam exchange partners and applying for a full year or one semester placement must submit an English language proficiency document due to UKVI visa requirements. The list of acceptable ELP documents and required grades/test scores per subject can be found [here](#).

West Indies

- All West Indies nationals currently studying with one of our West Indies exchange partners do not have to submit an English language proficiency document whether they are applying to us for a full year or one semester placement.