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English Language Requirement Fact sheet - Study Abroad Programme

Requirements

The minimum level of English to apply for a place on the Study Abroad Programme is IELTS 6.0 with 5.5 in each component (reading, writing, listening and speaking).

However, each academic department sets its own individual English Language level and most of these are higher than the minimum above. Please see the table below for the scores for every department you can study in.

You must meet the score for **each** department you wish to study in; there are no exceptions.

Qualifications

We accept a variety of English Language Qualifications at Sheffield. [List of acceptable English Language Tests](#)

Validity of qualifications

The UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI), has set a 2 year time limit on the validity of some language tests.

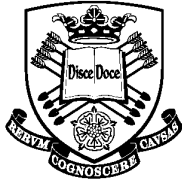
Please refer to the list above and if your certificate is going to expire before you arrive in Sheffield, you will need to re-sit a test and send the new certificate to Sheffield before you arrive.

Departmental English Language Requirements (A to Z by Department)

Department	TOEFL Requirement	IELTS Requirement
Animal and Plant Sciences	88 (minimum 19 in Listening, 19 in Writing, 20 in Reading, 22 in Speaking)	IELTS 6.5 (minimum 6.0 in each component)
Archaeology	88 (minimum 17 in Listening, 17 in Writing, 18 in Reading, 20 in Speaking)	IELTS 6.5 (minimum 5.5 in each component)
School of Architecture	95 (minimum 19 in Listening, 19 in Writing, 20 in Reading, 22 in Speaking)	IELTS 7.0 (minimum 6.0 in each component)
Automatic Control and Systems Engineering	88 (minimum 19 in Listening, 19 in Writing, 20 in Reading, 22 in Speaking)	IELTS 6.5 (minimum 6.0 in each component)
Biblical Studies (Religion, Theology and the Bible)	95 (minimum 17 in Listening, 17 in Writing, 18 in Reading, 20 in Speaking)	IELTS 7.0 (minimum 5.5 in each component)
Biomedical Science	95 (minimum 19 in Listening, 19 in Writing, 20 in Reading, 22 in Speaking)	IELTS 7.0 (minimum 6.0 in each component)
Chemical and Biological Engineering	80 (minimum 17 in Listening, 17 in Writing, 18 in Reading, 20 in Speaking)	IELTS 6.0 (minimum 5.5 in each component)
Chemistry	80 (minimum 19 in Listening, 19 in Writing, 20 in Reading, 22 in Speaking)	IELTS 6.0 (minimum 6.0 in each component)
Civil and Structural Engineering	80 (minimum 17 in Listening, 17 in Writing, 18 in Reading, 20 in Speaking)	IELTS 6.5 (minimum 6.0 in each component)

Computer Science	88 (minimum 19 in Listening, 19 in Writing, 20 in Reading, 22 in Speaking)	IELTS 6.5 (minimum 6.0 in each component)
East Asian Studies	88 (minimum 19 in Listening, 19 in Writing, 20 in Reading, 22 in Speaking)	IELTS 6.5 (minimum 6.0 in each component)
Economics	88 (minimum 19 in Listening, 19 in Writing, 20 in Reading, 22 in Speaking)	IELTS 6.5 (minimum 6.0 in each component)
Electronic and Electrical Engineering	88 (minimum 17 in Listening, 17 in Writing, 18 in Reading, 20 in Speaking)	IELTS 6.5 (minimum 5.5 in each component)
English Language Teaching Centre	<p>Students at IELTS 5.0 and above will be able to join the regular pre-sessional on a fee-paying basis. No academic credit is offered for the pre-sessional. Please see the website for entry levels to the pre-sessional courses: https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/eltc/presessional/entry-requirements</p> <p>To study regular ELTC credit-bearing modules during the semester – TOEFL 79 or IELTS 6.0 (with no lower than 5.5 in each component): https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/eltc/credit</p>	
School of English	95 (minimum 19 in Listening, 19 in Writing, 20 in Reading, 22 in Speaking)	IELTS 7.0 (minimum 6.0 in each component)
Geography	95 (minimum 17 in Listening, 17 in Writing, 18 in Reading, 20 in Speaking)	IELTS 7.0 (minimum 5.5 in each component)
History	95 (minimum 21 in Listening, 22 in Writing, 22 in Reading, 23 in Speaking)	IELTS 7.0 (minimum 6.5 in each component)
Human Communication Sciences	103 (minimum 24 in Listening, 26 in Writing, 26 in Reading, 27 in Speaking)	IELTS 7.5 (minimum 7.5 in each component)
Department for Lifelong Learning (TILL)	80 (minimum 17 in Listening, 17 in Writing, 18 in Reading, 20 in Speaking)	IELTS 6.0 (minimum 5.5 in each component)
Journalism Studies	103 (minimum 21 in Listening, 22 in Writing, 22 in Reading, 23 in Speaking)	IELTS 7.5 (minimum 6.5 in each component)
Landscape	88 (minimum 17 in Listening, 17 in Writing, 18 in Reading, 20 in Speaking)	IELTS 6.5 (minimum 5.5 in each component)
Management School (Business)	95 (minimum 17 in Listening, 17 in Writing, 18 in Reading, 20 in Speaking)	IELTS 7.0 (minimum 5.5 in each component)
Materials Science and Engineering	80 (minimum 17 in Listening, 17 in Writing, 18 in Reading, 20 in Speaking)	IELTS 6.0 (minimum 5.5 in each component)
Mechanical Engineering	88 (minimum 19 in Listening, 19 in Writing, 20 in Reading, 22 in Speaking)	IELTS 6.5 (minimum 6.0 in each component)
Modern Languages Teaching Centre Arabic , French , German , Italian , Latin , Portuguese and Spanish	80 (minimum 17 in Listening, 17 in Writing, 18 in Reading, 20 in Speaking)	IELTS 6.0 (minimum 5.5 in each component)
Molecular Biology and Biotechnology	95 (minimum 19 in Listening, 19 in Writing, 20 in Reading, 22 in Speaking)	IELTS 7.0 (minimum 6.0 in each component)

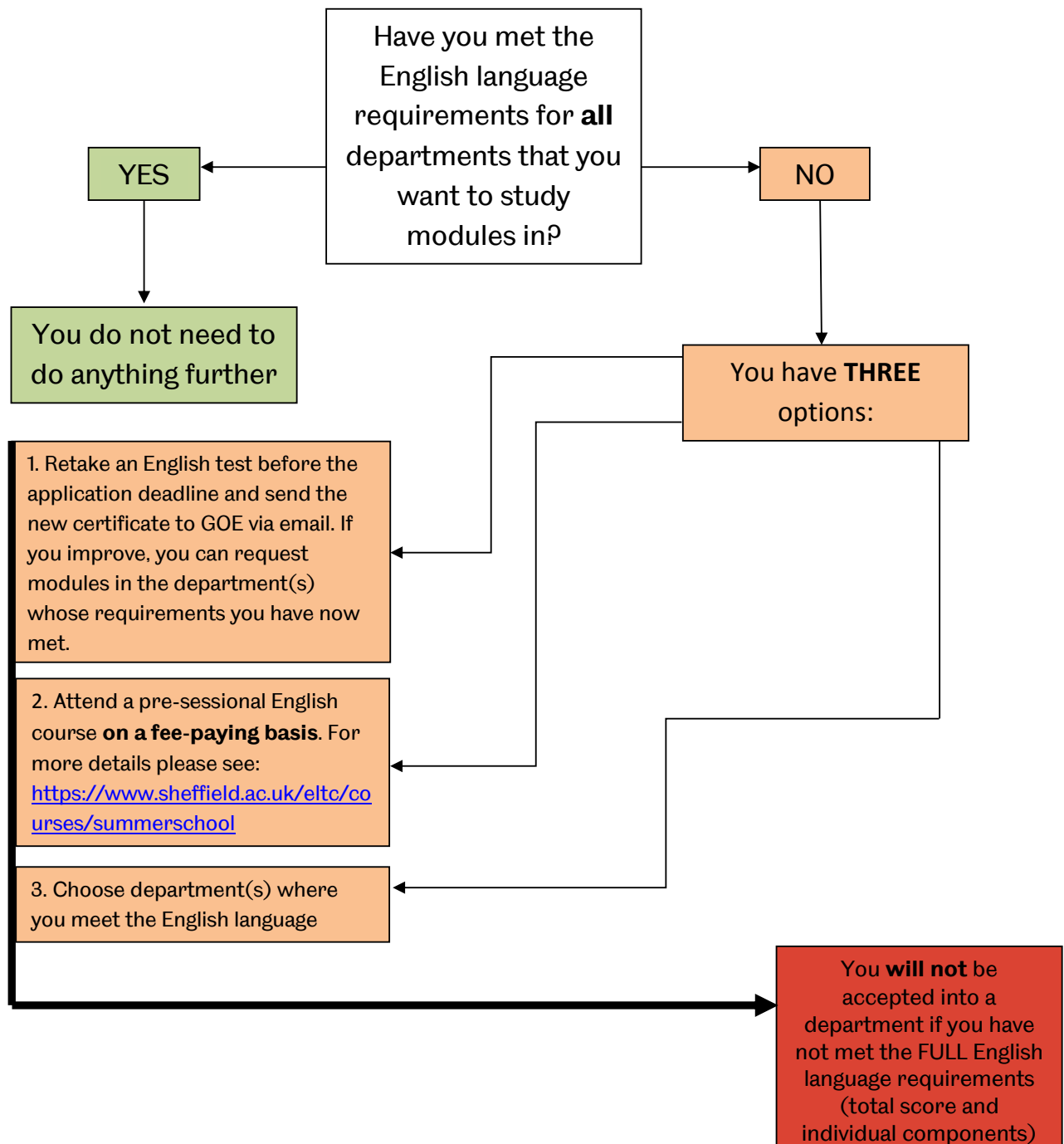
Music	88 (minimum 17 in Listening, 19 in Writing, 18 in Reading, 20 in Speaking)	IELTS 6.5 (minimum 6.0 in writing and 5.5 in all other components)
Philosophy	95 (minimum 21 in Listening, 22 in Writing, 22 in Reading, 23 in Speaking)	IELTS 7.0 (minimum 6.5 in each component)
Physics	88 (minimum 17 in Listening, 17 in Writing, 18 in Reading, 20 in Speaking)	IELTS 6.5 (minimum 5.5 in each component)
Politics	95 (minimum 19 in Listening, 19 in Writing, 20 in Reading, 22 in Speaking)	IELTS 7.0 (minimum 6.0 in each component)
Psychology	88 (minimum 19 in Listening, 19 in Writing, 20 in Reading, 22 in Speaking)	IELTS 6.5 (minimum 6.0 in each component)
School of Mathematics and Statistics	80 (minimum 17 in Listening, 17 in Writing, 18 in Reading, 20 in Speaking)	IELTS 6.0 (minimum 5.5 in each component)
Sociological Studies	88 (minimum 19 in Listening, 19 in Writing, 20 in Reading, 22 in Speaking)	IELTS 6.5 (minimum 6.0 in each component)
Urban Studies and Planning	95 (minimum 19 in Listening, 19 in Writing, 20 in Reading, 22 in Speaking)	IELTS 7.0 (minimum 6.0 in each component)



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English Language proficiency flowchart



Frequently Asked Questions

I am planning on sitting the English test again before the deadline, should I apply now or wait?

We would recommend that you sit a test in March/April for September entry (and August/September for February entry) so that you have the highest possible score to apply with, and in good time to meet the application deadline (1st May and 1st October)

I don't meet the English Language Requirements, can I still be nominated/apply?

If you do not plan on taking another English Language test and you do not meet the entire score (overall and component) for the department(s) you want to study in, then you will only be considered for an offer conditional on meeting our English Language Requirements. If you do not meet the requirements, you will **not** be admitted.

If you have taken an IELTS for UKVI (Academic) you can consider the ELTC Summer School.

If I study modules in the ELTC during the semester, do I have to pay extra fees?

No, if you are an exchange student you do not have to pay additional fees to study [credit modules](#) if you have IELTS 6.0 (5.5 minimum in each component) or equivalent.

However, if you choose to study a [full-time ELTC course](#) for a semester, you will be charged tuition fees and please note these courses are not available for credit.

If I meet the overall score but not each component(s), do I have to sit another test?

Yes, because you have not met the required score in full – overall score **and** components.

What is the latest date I can submit my new certificate?

We cannot make you an unconditional offer if you do not meet the minimum requirement. Additionally, we cannot issue visa documentation without an English Language certificate at the appropriate level. Please refer to the first question above.

I will study at the ELTC Summer School to improve my score; can you still process my application?

Yes. In order to attend the [Summer School](#), you will need to have first completed your study abroad application and been made an offer (either conditional or unconditional).

You must apply for the Summer School as soon as you can and by the deadlines. Please note that the ELTC sometimes close the applications early if the courses are full.

You must check the [length of the course](#) you need to study:

Length	Dates	Entry requirement
18 Weeks	16 th April 2018 – 1 st September 2018	No more than one (1) IELTS band below the overall entry requirement.
10 weeks	25 th June 2018 – 1 st September 2018	No more than one (1) IELTS band below the overall entry requirement.
6 weeks	23 rd July 2018 – 1 st September 2018	No more than half (0.5) an IELTS band below the overall entry requirement.
4 weeks	6 th August 2018 – 1 st September 2018	Suitable only for students who have already met their language requirement.