



University's English Language Admissions Requirement

English is the language of instruction at HKUST. All applicants must demonstrate competence in English Language prior to admissions. Applicants seeking admissions to undergraduate programs may satisfy English Language requirement through one of the following ways.

Qualification	Minimum Attainment
IELTS (International English Language Testing System) Academic	Overall Band: 6.0
TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Option 1: Internet-based test (iBT) Option 2: Paper-delivered Test 	Total Score (in one sitting): 80 Combined Score: 60
IB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English A: Language and Literature (Higher or Standard Level) English A: Literature (Higher or Standard Level) English Literature and Performance (Standard Level) English B (Higher Level) English B (Standard Level) 	Grade 4 Grade 4 Grade 4 Grade 4 Grade 5
IGCSE/GCSE/GCE O-Level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Language / English Literature English (Second Language) 	Grade 4 / Grade C Grade 5 / Grade B
GCE AS or A-Level English / English Literature	Grade E
American College Board Advanced Placement (AP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Language and Composition English Literature and Composition 	Score: 4 Score: 4
American College Board SAT <u>For SAT:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence-Based Reading and Writing <u>For SAT Reasoning (Pre-March 2016):</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Essay 	Score: 590 Score: 8
ACT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>English and Reading</i> 	Score 23 in both components
All India Senior School Certificate or Indian School Certificate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class 12 English 	80%
Australian State or Territory High School Certificate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 12 English 	80% or equivalent
C1 Advanced / Cambridge English: Advanced / Certificate in Advanced English (CAE)	Grade C

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Canadian Grade 12 English Courses in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic English ENG621 (Prince Edward Island) • English 12 (British Columbia, Yukon and Nova Scotia) • English 121 or 122 (New Brunswick) • English 3201 (Newfoundland and Labrador) • English 40S (Manitoba) • English 4U (Ontario) • English A30 and English B30 (Saskatchewan) • English Language Arts 30-1 or English 30 (Alberta, NWT, Nunavut) 	70% or equivalent
Duolingo English Test (DET)	<p><u>Prior to 1 July 2024</u> Overall score 125, with no subscore below 105</p> <p><u>From 1 July 2024 onwards</u> Overall score 125</p>
French Baccalaureate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OIB (British/American Options): English • General: English 	Score: 12 Score: 13
HKALE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of English 	Grade E
HKDSE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English 	Level 3
Malaysia SPM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Malaysia SPM English Language 1119: GCE O-Level (Pre-2021) • Malaysia SPM English Language (2021 onwards) 	Grade C CEFR Level C1
Malaysia Unified Examination Certificate (UEC) Senior Middle Level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English Language 	Grade B4
Malaysian University English Test (MUET)	Band 4 (Aggregate score: 180 – 219)
National Qualifications Framework of New Zealand (<i>Subjects list as published on the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) website for meeting University Entrance literacy requirements.</i>)	10 credits at Level 2 or above in subjects on English, with 5 credits in <i>Reading</i> , and 5 credits in <i>Writing</i> .
Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic)	Overall score of 64 or above with no sub-score below 60
Singapore-Cambridge GCE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • O-Level English Language • A-Level H1 General Paper 	Grade C6 Grade C

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Singapore Integrated Programme Secondary 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="165 253 614 286">• English Language / Language Arts	Grade C
Taiwan General Scholastic Ability Test (GSAT) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="165 347 395 380">• English Subject	頂標 (Top Percentile) of the cohort