

SAE Institute Undergraduate English Language Requirements

Section B5 of the University Regulations outlines the requirements for English Language that all applicants whose first language is not English are required to meet the English language requirement of B2 Level on the CEFR scale or equivalent.

Applicants are expected to demonstrate the required level of their English Language capability. There are a number of ways this can be achieved. An applicant can:

1. Reach a satisfactory standard in an approved test in English as outlined in the 'SAE Institute Approved English Language Tests' List, or;
2. Offer the successful completion of a full Bachelors or Master's degree from an approved University that has been taught and assessed in English and a NARIC certificate is provided, or;
3. Be a national of a majority English speaking country if during the application process it has been demonstrated that they are able to understand all facets of English competencies to the required level.

Applicants who are hoping to meet the English Language requirement as described in point 2 above will be required to submit a NARIC certificate confirming the equivalent level of the degree alongside an official letter from the University confirming that the degree was taught in English or an original and official certificate from the University where the degree was awarded confirming that the degree was taught or researched in a majority English-speaking country.

Majority English-speaking countries are defined as follows: Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Canada, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Ireland, Jamaica, New Zealand, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom and USA.

Many English Language Qualifications have an expiry date. These tests will only be considered if they are valid at the point of entry.

General Qualifications

Qualification	Level Required
GCSE/ IGCSE/ O-Level/ International Cambridge O Level English (as a first or second language)	Grade C or above or Grade 4-9 if taken in England since September 2016
UKVI Academic IELTS	6.0 overall with 5.5 in each component
Pearson Test of English	59 overall with 59 in each component
TOEFL (IBT)	72 overall with the following component scores: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening – 17 • Writing – 17 • Speaking – 20 • Reading - 18
Scottish National Grade 5 or Intermediate Grade 2	C
Cambridge First English	Grade C / 169 overall with at least 162 in each component
Cambridge ESOL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPE Grade C • CAE Grade B
International Baccalaureate English (Standard level)	Grade 5
International Baccalaureate English (Higher Level)	Grade 5

Country Specific Qualifications

Country	Level 3 Equivalent	English
AFGHANISTAN	Portfolio	IELTS OR EQUIVALENT
ARGENTINA	Título de Bachiller - overall score of at least 8	IELTS OR EQUIVALENT
AUSTRALIA	ATAR of at least 70 or regional Certificate of Education with good grades or AQF Diploma / Advanced Diploma	Year 10 Certificate - English grade C
AUSTRIA	Matura (Reifeprüfung) with the overall grade of no more than 3 (5 is a Fail) Add up and divide to find average	Matura (Reifeprüfung) - 2 (gut) in English when both written and oral exams have been taken
BAHRAIN	General Secondary Education Certificate - 70%	IELTS OR EQUIVALENT
BANGLADESH	Bangladeshi Higher Secondary/Intermediate Certificate - 60%	IELTS OR EQUIVALENT
BELGIUM	Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire Supérieur (CESS) (Wallonia) or Diploma van Hoger Secundair Onderwijs (Flanders) - 13/20	Diploma van Secundair Onderwijs or Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire Supérieur - Distinction in English component
BRAZIL	Certificado de Conclusão de Ensino Médio - average score of at least 6 at 3rd Grade	IELTS OR EQUIVALENT
BULGARIA	Diploma za Spredno Spetsiala Obrazovanie with an average of 4.6 - 4.8	IELTS OR EQUIVALENT
CANADA	Grade 12: 50% average on 5 grade 12 courses Quebec Diplome d'Etudes Collegiales (DEC) 50% average on academic courses	Grade 12 Canadian High School/Secondary School - grade B or 75% in a grade 12 English module
CHINA	Chinese 3-year Senior High School certificate with 80% or above or Gaokao score overall 70%.	IELTS OR EQUIVALENT
COLOMBIA	Bachiller Académico - overall score of at least Desempeño alto	IELTS OR EQUIVALENT
CROATIA	An average of 3.6 in the Matura Certificate	Maturi Extended English - grade 4

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CYPRUS	Apolyterion with minimum of 14	IELTS OR EQUIVALENT
CZECH REPUBLIC	Vysvědčení o maturitní zkoušce/Maturita (Average of 2.2 - 2.4)	Vysvedceni o Maturitni Zkousce/Maturita - English grade 2
DENMARK	Bevis for Studentereksamen (Average of 7.0 - 7.5 or above across 4 subjects)	Studentereksamen - English grade 7
EGYPT	Certificate of General Secondary Education (Thanaweya A'ama) - 65%	IELTS OR EQUIVALENT
ESTONIA	Gümnaasiumi lõputunnistus (Secondary School Certificate) with the additional Riigieksamid (Upper Secondary School National Examination). Average Grade 4 across on subjects and a minimum of three state examinations with 70% or above.	Gumnaasumi Loputunnistus - Pass in the English State Exam at level B2
FINLAND	Minimum of 4 exams taken in the Ylioppilastutkinto / Studentexamen (Matriculation Examination). Average of cum laude approbatur (C) in Ylioppilastutkinto / Studentexamen (Matriculation Examination).	Ylioppilastutkintotodistus - 5 (magna cum laude approbatur) in English
FRANCE	Option Internationale du Baccalauréat - overall score of at least 10	Baccalauréat 14
GAMBIA	West African Senior School Certificate Examination (WASSCE) or Senior School Certificate (NECO) - 5 passes at C6 min in academic subjects	SSCE/WAEC/WASSCE/NECO - C6 (or grade C or above)
GERMANY	Abitur/Zeugnis der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife with average of 2.7 or better.	Abitur/Zeugnis der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife - 10 (gut) in English when taken as an achievement/ main/intensive course Fachhochschulreife - 2 (gut) in English DAAD - B2
GHANA	Senior Secondary School Certificate Examination (SSSCE) with 5 credit passes (grade C equivalent).	SSCE/WAEC/WASSCE/NECO - C6 (or grade C or above)

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GREECE	ΑΠΟΛΥΤΗΡΙΟ ΛΥΚΕΙΟΥ (Upper Secondary School Leaving Certificate) / Apolytirio - overall score of at least 14	Apolyterion final average of 18/20
HONG KONG	Hong Kong Advanced Level Certificate (HKALE) or Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE).	HKALE Use of English - Grade E HKCEE English Language - Level 3 HKDSE English Language - Level 3
HUNGARY	Érettségi Bizonyítvány (Secondary Education Graduation Certificate) also known as: Matura. Matura with five subjects at overall grade 4 or above	Advanced Level Matura (Erettsegi) - English advanced level grade 4
ICELAND	Stúdentspróf (Matriculation Certificate) with a minimum of 5.0	Stúdentspróf (Matriculation Certificate) - 8 in English when taken as a compulsory language
INDIA	Indian Higher Secondary Certificate / Standard XII - 55%	Standard XII English with 65% or SELT (red and amber regions)
INDONESIA	Successful completion of SMA 3 and achieve an average of 75% or 80% overall	IELTS OR EQUIVALENT
IRAN	High School Diploma - when studied for 4 years Pre-University certificate (Peeshdaneshgahe) with grade 12/20 or above	IELTS OR EQUIVALENT
IRAQ	We require Iraqi students to have completed the General Secondary School Certificate with an overall grade of 70%.	IELTS OR EQUIVALENT
ISRAEL	Matriculation Certificate - 80%	IELTS OR EQUIVALENT
ITALY	Diploma di Esame di Stato - 60%	IELTS OR EQUIVALENT
JORDAN	Certificate of General Secondary Education (Tawajhiya) - 70%	IELTS OR EQUIVALENT
JAPAN	Portfolio	IELTS OR EQUIVALENT
KAZAKHSTAN	Attestat/Svidetel stvo o Srednem Obrazovanii (School leaving certificate) with 4 out of 5.	IELTS OR EQUIVALENT

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KENYA	Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) - 5 subjects at C	KCSE English Language grade C
KUWAIT	General Secondary Education Certificate (Tawajhiya) - 70%	
LATVIA	Atestats par visparejo videjo izglitibu with a minimum overall average 5.	Atestats par visparejo videjo izglitibu score of 8 AT Level A in English
LIBERIA	Portfolio	Senior High School Certificate - grade 6 or below in the English component
LITHUANIA	Brandos Atestatas with a minimum overall average 5	75 or above in National State Exam English B2 Level
LUXEMBOURG	Diplome de Fin d'Etudes Secondaires with a minimum of 30 or higher	Diplome de Fin d'Etudes Secondaires - 45 (bien) in English
MALAYSIA	5 passes at SPM, 4 with grades above 6C. UEC students need an overall mark of at least 75% or A1 & A2 Distinction in all exams taken at Senior Middle Level.	UCLES 1119 Syllabus - Grade C SPM - Grade C6
MALTA	Overall Grade C in Advanced Matriculation across 6 subjects. (2 Advanced, 4 Intermediate).	MATSEC - 5
MAURITIUS	Cambridge Overseas School Certificate/GCE O Levels with 5 x Grade C	IELTS OR EQUIVALENT
MEXICO	Título de Bachiller - 70% - case to case basis	IELTS OR EQUIVALENT
MYANMAR	Basic Education Standard X Examination/Matriculation Examination with 50% (pass) overall.	IELTS OR EQUIVALENT
NEPAL	Nepalese 2 year higher secondary school cert with 70% or above	IELTS OR EQUIVALENT
NETHERLANDS	Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs (VWO) with an average of 7.	VWO English grade 7
NEW ZEALAND	NCEA Level 3 with with New Zealand University Entrance	National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA), English, Achieved

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NIGERIA	West African Senior School Certificate Examination (WASSCE) or Senior School Certificate (NECO) - 5 passes at C6 min in academic subjects	SSCE/WAEC/WASSCE/NECO - C6 (or grade C or above)
NORWAY	Vitnemål Videregående Opplaering with a minimum overall average of 3.	English Language in Vitnemål Videregående Opplaering at grade 4
OMAN	General Secondary Education Certificate (Tawajhiya) - 70%	IELTS OR EQUIVALENT
PAKISTAN	Pakistan Intermediate / Higher Secondary Certificate - 60%	IELTS OR EQUIVALENT
PHILIPPINES	Grade 12 High School Diploma with 80% or above.	IELTS OR EQUIVALENT
POLAND	Overall 60% in Swiadectwo Dojrzosci (Matura) to include a minimum of 2 subjects at extended level.	Matura - Oral: 65% Written: Basic 75%, Extended 60%
PORTUGAL	Diploma Nível Secundário de Educação / Certificado Nível Secundário de Educação - overall score of at least 11	Certificado de fim de Estudos Secundários (previously Certidão do Décimo Segundo Ano) or Diploma Nível Secundário de Educação / Certificado Nível Secundário de Educação - Grade 16
ROMANIA	Diplomă de Bacalaureat with an overall GPA of no less than 7.0.	Baccalaureat - Minimum of B2 in the 5 English
RUSSIA	Completion of Attestat o srednem (polnom) obshchem obrazovanii	IELTS OR EQUIVALENT
QATAR	Senior School Certificate - 70%	IELTS OR EQUIVALENT
SAUDI ARABIA	General Secondary Education Certificate (Tawajhiya) - 70%	IELTS OR EQUIVALENT
SINGAPORE	72 UCAS points from Singapore / Cambridge GCE A levels	GCSE O level English Language - Pass
SIERRA LEONE		SSCE/WAEC/WASSCE/NECO - C6 (or grade C or above)

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SLOVAKIA	Vysvedčenie o maturitnej skúške (Secondary School Leaving Certificate). Overall average of 2.6	Maturita - English Grade 2
SLOVENIA	Maturitetno spričevalo (Matura Certificate). Average score of 3.0	
SOUTH AFRICA	National Senior Certificate/Senior Certificate - 5,5,4,4,4	National Senior Certificate with 3 or above in English. Senior Certificate - Grade C
SPAIN	Título de Bachiller - overall score of at least 5	IELTS OR EQUIVALENT
SRI LANKA	Sri Lankan A levels - 72 UCAS points	Sri Lankan A Level English - Grade A
SWEDEN	Avgångsbetyg / Slutbetyg från Gymnasieskola with a minimum overall grade C (or 15 as a numerical value.)	English Language Avgångsbetyg / Slutbetyg från Gymnasieskola score of C or above (or 15 as a numerical value)
SWITZERLAND	French speaking - Certificat de Maturite / Certificat de Maturie Cantonale reconnu par la Confederatio German speaking - Katonales Maturitatszeugnis / Maturitat Italian speaking - Attestato di Maturita / Attestato di Maturita Cantonale Riconosciuto dalla Confederazione either of the above with a minimum overall grade of 4.0 or above	Maturita - 5 (gut/bien/bene) in English
TAIWAN	2 or 5-year Junior College Diploma with 60% or above.	IELTS OR EQUIVALENT
TANZANIA	ACSE can offer equivalent to UCAS tariff Cambridge Overseas Higher School Certificate with 5Cs or above.	Certificate of Secondary Education (CSE) - C in English
THAILAND	Thai Upper Secondary Maw 6 with GPA 2.0 out of 4.0.	IELTS OR EQUIVALENT

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TURKEY	Lise Diploma with a minimum overall average of 3.5 out of 5	IELTS OR EQUIVALENT
UGANDA	Ugandan Advanced Certificate of Education with 3 'C' grades	Ugandan Certificate of Education (UCE) - Grade 6
UKRAINE	Portfolio	IELTS OR EQUIVALENT
UAE	General Secondary Education Certificate (Tawajhiya) - 70%	
USA	American High School Diploma - 80% or 3.0 GPA	C or GPA of 2 on English Language component from Grade 12 level SAT 550 in each band or ACT 25 in each band
VIETNAM	Vietnamese 3-year Upper Secondary certificate with 6.5 out of 10.	IELTS OR EQUIVALENT
ZAMBIA	School Certificate / General Certificate of Education with 5 x grades 1-6.	Senior School English Language at C or above
ZIMBABWE	5 x O Levels with C grade minimum	Zimbabwean O level with grade C

Other EU qualifications may be accepted at the discretion of our Admissions Office. To enquire about the validity of your English language qualification, please email ukadmissions@sae.edu.