

LEARNING AND TEACHING SUPPORT HANDBOOK**Chapter 23 - English Language Support for International Students: statement of procedures****Appendix 2****Preparatory and Insessional English Language Courses Required**

Minimum entry requirements vary from programme to programme. As a general guide, higher standards of English are required for linguistically-exacting programmes of study such as MBA, economics, psychology, law, and literature-based degrees.

Besides this, many factors affect the speed of language learning: these include ability, motivation, age, linguistic background, previous knowledge of English, family and personal circumstances. Essentially, all students learn languages at different rates and so the table below can act as no more than an approximate guide.

IELTS	Essential language tuition or support (based on an entry condition of IELTS 6.5*)	Recommended additional language support
7.5-9.0	None	One-to-one writing tutorials.
7.0	None	Insessional classes. One-to-one writing tutorials.
6.5	Usually none	6-week summer pre-sessional. Insessional classes. One-to-one writing tutorials.
6.0	6-week summer pre-sessional or 1 term EAP	Insessional classes. One-to-one writing tutorials.
5.5	1 term EAP plus 5-10 week summer pre-sessional; or 10-week summer pre-sessional	Insessional classes. One-to-one writing tutorials.
5.0	2 terms EAP; or 1 term EAP plus 6-week summer pre-sessional or 18 week pre-sessional	Insessional classes. One-to-one writing tutorials.

4.5	Usually 3 terms EAP (may include 18 or 10-week summer pre-sessional)	Insessional classes. One-to-one writing tutorials.
4.0	At least 12 months' English (at least 1 term of General English initially), including 18 or 10-week summer pre-sessional	Insessional classes. One-to-one writing tutorials.
3.5	Students beginning at this level are likely to need 18-24 months' English tuition to reach the required levels.	Insessional classes. One-to-one writing tutorials.

*Note: some programmes have higher English language entry conditions.

For undergraduate and postgraduate entry requirements see: [International Entry Requirements](#).