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Get ready to study in the UK!

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A world leading destination for university students

Each year, over 500,000 international students enrol at a UK university. In 2021, there were nearly 140,000 Chinese students at UK universities, making the UK the leading destination for Chinese students. UK universities are renowned for excellent teaching and cutting-edge research, and UK degrees are highly valued by academics and employers worldwide.

To study in the UK, you'll need to demonstrate you have an adequate level of English. LanguageCert English

exams are accepted by most universities in the UK as well as for all visa and immigration applications.

2 How Do I Apply?

Undergraduate students
Most applications for bachelor's degrees in the UK are submitted using the UCAS application website (Universities and Colleges Admissions Service). Although the majority of universities will only accept your application through the UCAS system, some universities will accept direct applications.

Postgraduate students
Future Master's and PhD students can apply directly to their chosen university.

University application deadlines in the UK
Here are some of the most important deadlines to consider when applying for a university in the UK:
- **Mid-October:** deadline for all Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Medicine courses
- **End of June:** deadline for international students from a non-EU/EEA country
- Many universities have different deadlines for international students (especially for graduate

applicants). Check specific university deadlines on the university websites

- **August:** The UCAS Clearing process. Universities open up all their remaining places for late university applicants who still want to start their degree studies in the current academic year

3 Student visa and English language requirements

All international students who want to study at a UK university are required to get a student visa.
To secure a student visa and attend a UK university, you'll have to prove you have the English speaking, reading, writing and listening skills needed to succeed in your studies. Depending on your level of study, the English requirements for your student visa will vary:
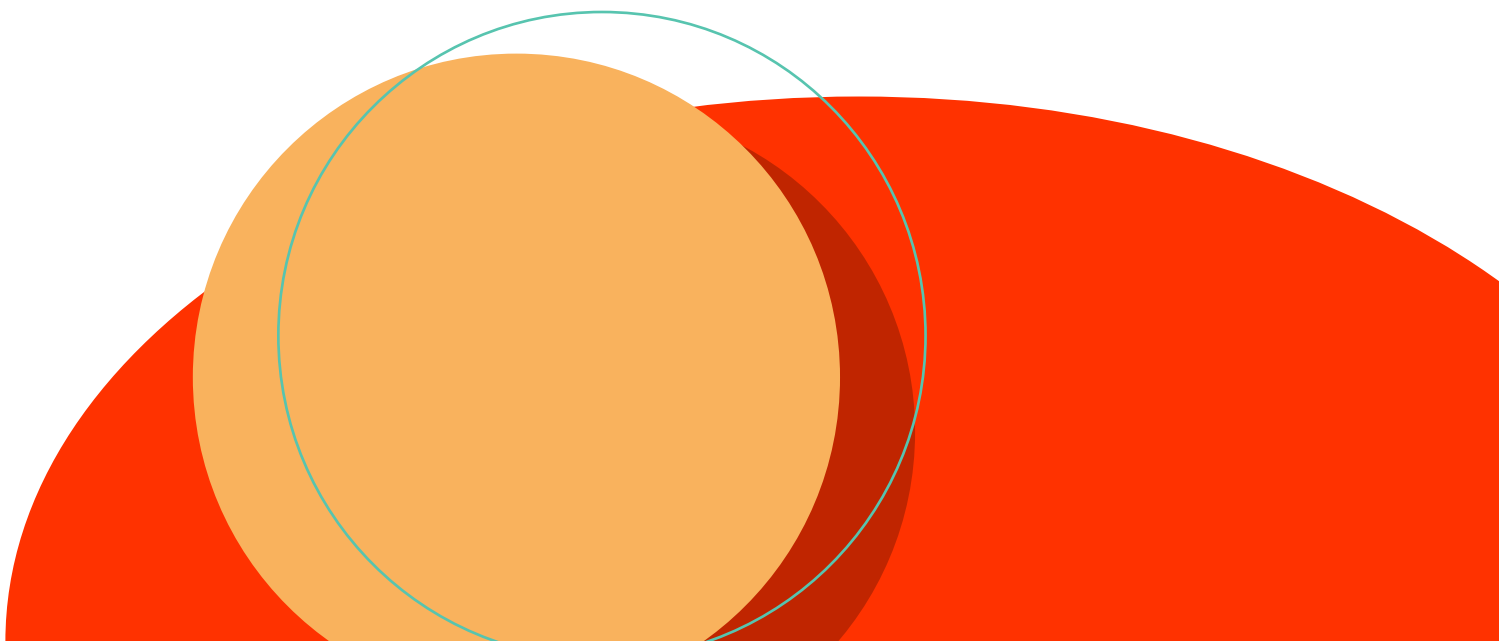
Degree level or above
If you are applying for a student visa to enter directly onto a bachelor or postgraduate degree, you must prove you can read, write, speak and understand English to B2 level on the CEFR scale. As a UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) licensed sponsor, your university can choose how to assess your level of English, which must be equivalent to at least a CEFR level B2 for visa

purposes. This means that LanguageCert International ESOL B2 Communicator (including the online version) can be used as proof of English language ability for both university admission and to satisfy your visa requirement. The level of English required by UK Visas and Immigration is often lower than what is required by universities for admission purposes, and it is advisable that you check with your university directly.

Below degree level

If you are applying for a student visa to study below degree level (e.g. foundation, pathway or other pre-sessional course), you must prove you can read, write, speak and understand English to B1 level on the CEFR scale by taking a Secure English Language Test (SELT) such as LanguageCert International ESOL SELT B1 Listening, Reading, Writing & Speaking. Your university may have additional English language requirements for admission purposes, and it is advisable that you check with them directly.

Level of study	Minimum CEFRlevel required	Skills	Type of test required
Degree level of above at a Higher Education Provider	B2	Reading Writing Listening Speaking	Both non-SELT and SELT qualifications accepted: **LanguageCert International ESOL incl. online version** or **LanguageCert SELT**
Below degree level (foundation, pathway, pre-sessional course)	B1	Reading Writing Listening Speaking	Only SELT exam accepted: **LanguageCert SELT**

4 Using LanguageCert exams to study in the UK

As an Awarding Organisation dedicated to language skills assessment and certification, LanguageCert's main objective is to offer high-quality qualifications to the global learner community. LanguageCert is regulated by Ofqual, the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation in England, and Qualification Wales. It offers internationally recognised, high-stakes English exams that are approved by the UK Home Office for visas and immigration (UKVI).

LanguageCert exams are also recognised by top UK universities and colleges including:

The University of York, The University of Warwick, The University of Nottingham, The University of Leeds, The University of Liverpool, Imperial College London, and London University of the Arts.

LanguageCert International ESOL:

A test of reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills, designed to provide evidence of English language proficiency for study. Available to take Online from any location including China, or as a computer or paper-based test at an approved test centre. It can be used for UK student visas.

LanguageCert International ESOL SELT:

A UKVI-approved exam valid for immigration to the UK (to live, work or study). It can only be taken at a UKVI-approved test centre. Where a SELT exam is not required, candidates can take a LanguageCert International ESOL exam to meet their university admission requirements.

CEFR	LanguageCert International ESOL SELT (Listening, Reading, Writing & Speaking)	LanguageCert International ESOL
C2	C2	C2 Mastery
C1	C1	C1 Expert
B2	B2	B2 Communicator
B1	B1	B1 Achiever

There is no difference in the content, timing or difficulty of **LanguageCert International ESOL** and **LanguageCert International ESOL SELT.** The only differences are in the registration, the exam process (how the exam is delivered) and the reporting of results.

LanguageCert International ESOL SELT (4 skills)	LanguageCert International ESOL (4 skills)
• **Computer-based exam** • Taken at **UKVI-approved SELT Test Centres** around the world	• **Paper or computer-based** exam • Taken at a **LanguageCert Test Centre** at locations around the world or **online with remote live invigilation**
• Written/Spoken taken on the same day or **within 14 days of each other**	• Components taken together or separately any time
• Purchased & booked via selt.languagecert.org • Booked using vouchers provided by LanguageCert partners	• Purchased and booked direct via languagecert.org • Booked using vouchers provided by LanguageCert partners
• Results & URN in 5 business days after completing both components • Test Report provided covering all 4 skills	• Results in 10 working days (PB)| 5 working days (CB) | 3 business days (Online exams) after exam date • Statements of Results provided covering all 4 skills
• **Pass mark:** 33/50 in each skill	• **Pass mark:** 50% in the Written and the Spoken - Written: 75/150 - Spoken: 25/50

Nearly 80% of UK universities receiving Chinese students accept LanguageCert exams, and the number is growing all the time.

Here are the required LC scores for 25 universities across the UK (as of Dec. 2021), including their Times Higher Education World University and QS World University rankings:

University	Times HE Rank (Overall Score)	QS Rank (Overall Score)	LC score requirement
Imperial College London	#12 (89.1)	#7 (97.3)	ESOL B2 Test with grade High Pass for Standard Level or ESOL C1, C2 Test with grade Pass for Higher Level
UCL	#18 (87.2)	#8 (95.4)	Standard level: B2 Communicator test with High Pass with a minimum of 33 in reading, writing and listening and 38 in speaking. C1 Expert and C2 Mastery tests with Pass will also be considered.	Good level: C1 Expert test with Pass (minimum of 25 in all four skills). C2 Mastery test with Pass will also be considered.	Advanced level: C1 Expert test with High Pass with minimum of 33 in reading, writing and listening and 38 in speaking. C2 Mastery test with Pass will also be considered.
University of Manchester	#50 (71.2)	#27 (84)	Only SELT test accepted (Visa Requirements)
University of Warwick	#78 (65.4)	#61 (71.2)	LanguageCert International ESOL C1 Expert with 33/50 in each component or SELT C1
University of Bristol	#92 (63.1)	#62 (71)	SELT C1 Expert High Pass
University of Southampton	#124 (59.9)	#77 (65.7)	LanguageCert International ESOL SELT
University of Birmingham	#105 (61.5)	#90 (62.9)	LanguageCert ESOL (UKVI)
University of Sheffield	#110 (61.3)	#95 (61.6)	LanguageCert International ESOL SELT C1 33/50 in each component	For Intermediate only: LanguageCert International ESOL SELT B2 33/50 in each component
Queen Mary University of London	#117 (60.4)	#117 (56.7)	LanguageCert International SELT B2 (scores from 33 to 50)	SELT Expert C1 – Pass (at least 33 in all skills)
Lancaster University	#122 (60.0)	#132 (54)	B2 Communicator with 39 in each skill area
University of Leeds	#127 (59.2)	#92 (62.6)	LanguageCert International ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) B2 Communicator (either the online or test centre test) with a minimum of 36 in each of speaking, listening, reading and writing
University of Nottingham	#141 (58.1)	#103 (58.9)	LanguageCert International ESOL SELT	SELT Communicator B2 – Pass (at least 33 in all skills)	SELT Expert C1 – Pass (at least 33 in all skills)
University of Exeter	#143 (57.8)	#149 (50.5)	Profile B - LanguageCert SELT B2 Communicator with minimum 39 in speaking, writing, listening, reading	Profile C - LanguageCert SELT C1 Expert with minimum 25 in speaking, writing, listening, reading	Profile D - LanguageCert SELT C1 Expert with minimum 33 in writing, and no less than 31 in speaking, listening and reading
University of Aberdeen	#158 (56.8)	#91 (62.8)	LanguageCert Level 1 Certificate in ESOL International (Listening, Reading, Writing) Communicator B2 33 or above in each component
University of York	#169 (56.0)	#151 (50.4)	LanguageCert (each course has its own requirements)
University of Leicester	#185 (54.8)	#236 (39.6)	Language Cert International ESOL SELT B2 with at least 33/50 of all four components
University of Bath	#201-#250 (50.4-53.9)	#166 (47.7)	LanguageCert SELT C1 Expert Pass
University of St Andrews	#201-#250 (50.4-53.9)	#91 (62.8)	LanguageCert International ESOL SELT B2 or Pass at SELT C1 level
University of Dundee	#201-#250 (50.4-53.9)	#322 (32.9)	LanguageCert SELT B2 Communicator High Pass or C1 Expert Pass
University of Bath	#201-#250 (50.4-53.9)	#166 (47.7)	LanguageCert SELT C1 Expert Pass
University of Reading	#201-#250 (50.4-53.9)	#202 (43.5)	LanguageCert International ESOL SELT (B1 level or above)
Queens University Belfast	#201-#250 (50.4-53.9)	#216 (41.8)	LanguageCert International ESOL - B2 Communicator - High Pass overall with Pass in each component or C1 Expert - Pass overall with a Pass in each component
University of Surrey	#201-#250 (50.4-53.9)	#272 (36.6)	LanguageCert International ESOL
University of Strathclyde	#401-500 (40.9-44.0)	#302 (34.4)	LanguageCert International ESOL B2 Communicator:133 overall, with a minimum of 33 in each component or LanguageCert International ESOL B2 Communicator: 156 overall, with a minimum of 33 in each component or LanguageCert International ESOL SELT B2: 156 overall, with a minimum of 39 in all components
City, University London	#351-400 (44.1-46.0)	#330 (32.4)	LanguageCert International ESOL SELT B2: B2 Communicator High Pass with a minimum of 33 in each component

6 The new Graduate Immigration Route

The Graduate Immigration Route is a type of post-study work visa, which was implemented in July 2021.

International students can now stay longer in the UK after graduation. The new Graduate route provides an opportunity for international students who have attained their degree to remain in the UK and work, or look for work, at any skill level for two years, or three years for doctoral students. **You will need to have a valid Tier 4 or Student visa at the time of application.**

In all cases, be sure to confirm your visa conditions with an immigration adviser before starting work. For more information, see the UKCISA website.

7 Why choose LanguageCert?

》》 Various exam formats: Paper-based, computer-based & 24/7/365 availability of online exams withremote, live invigilation (OLP) = highly accessible in all countries including China!

》》 Level-based = candidates get tested at one CEFR level at a time and can focus on what they know

》》 Easy booking up to 4 hours before the exam

(depending on exam)

〉〉 Superfast results within 3-5 business days (depending on exam)

〉〉 Exams assess real-life communication skills

〉〉 No exam-specific preparation required = no need to follow a specific course

〉〉 Take2 re-sit option at discounted rate in case of unsuccessful results

8 Ready to book your test?

Don't forget to explore our range of resources to prepare for your LanguageCert test: www.languagecert.org/en/preparation

For more information or to book your test, please visit: https://www.languagecert.org/en/study-in-the-uk