

# English Language Requirements

You need to provide evidence that you have completed an approved English language test or meet another recognised type of English language proficiency, usually no more than two years prior to commencing your studies at VU. Where you have more than one proof of English proficiency, only the most recent qualification and score will be considered. English language requirements are outlined in the following table:

Evidence Method	International Foundations (Standard and Extended), Diploma (VDIT, VDBE)	Certificate III, Certificate IV, Diploma and Advanced Diploma.	Bachelor Degree	Postgraduate coursework degree and Higher Degree by Research
IELTS (Academic Module): Overall score (no band less than)	5.5 (5.0)	6.0 (5.5)	6.0 (6.0)	6.5 (6.0)
Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) Internet (no section score less than)	55 (Listening 9, Speaking 16, Reading 10, Writing 18)	67 (Listening 10, Speaking 16, Reading 10, Writing 18)	67 (Listening 12, Speaking 18, Reading 15, Writing 21)	79 (Listening 19, Speaking 19, Reading 18, Writing 22)
VU English	EAP 4B (A minimum score of 55% for all skills)	EAP 5A	EAP 5B	EAP 6B
Pearson Test of English (PTE): Overall score (no section score less than)	46 (41)	52 (46)	52 (52)	60 (52)
C1 Advanced (formerly Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE)): Overall score (no band less than)	162 (154)	169 (165)	169 (169)	176 (169)
B2 First (formerly Cambridge English: First (FCE)): Overall score (no band less than)	162 (154)	169 (165)	169 (169)	176 (169)

## Courses with higher English language requirements

Some VU courses require higher English language proficiency to gain entry.

Course title	Course code	IELTS (Academic module) result	Minimum individual band scores				VU English
			Listening	Reading	Writing	Speaking	
Diploma of Education Studies	EDES	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	EAP 5B
Bachelor of Early Childhood Education	EBEC	6.5	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	EAP 6B
Bachelor of Early Childhood Education and Leadership	EBCL	6.5	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	EAP 6B
Graduate Diploma in Early Childhood Education	EGEC	7.0	7.5	6.5	6.5	7.5	EAP 6B*
Bachelor of Psychological Studies (Honours)	AHPA	6.5	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	EAP 6B
Master of Counselling	AMPE	7.0	7.5	6.5	6.5	7.5	EAP 6B*
Bachelor of Education (P-12)	EBED	7.0	7.5	6.5	6.5	7.5	N/A
Master of Education	EMED	7.0	7.0	6.5	6.5	7.0	EAP 6B <sup>†</sup>
Master of Teaching (Primary Education)	EMPE	7.0	7.5	6.5	6.5	7.5	EAP 6B*
Master of Teaching (Secondary Education)	EMES	7.0	7.5	6.5	6.5	7.5	EAP 6B*
Bachelor of Biomedicine	HBBM	7.0	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	EAP 6B*
Bachelor of Nursing	HBNB	7.0	7.0	7.0	6.5	7.0	N/A
Bachelor of Laws (Graduate Entry)	BLGE	6.5	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	EAP 6B
Bachelor of Laws	BLAW	6.5	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	EAP 6B <sup>†</sup>
Bachelor of Social Work	ABSW	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	EAP 6B <sup>†</sup>
Master of Clinical Exercise Science and Rehabilitation	AMEP	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	EAP 6B <sup>†</sup>
Bachelor of Science (Osteopathy)/Master of Health Science (Osteopathy)	HCOP	7.0	7.0	7.0	6.5	7.0	EAP 6B*

\* Overall 70% with 75% in Listening and Speaking and a minimum of 70% for reading and writing

<sup>†</sup> Overall 70% with a minimum of 70% for each skill

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## Recognition of prior English language studies

If you have completed some or all of your academic study in English, we may recognise your prior English language studies for entry into a course.

To qualify for recognition of prior studies in an English language medium, you need to have achieved one of the scores or qualifications listed below, and have achieved this score or qualification within the expected duration.

Courses that have higher English language entry requirements may require a higher achievement level than those listed, or may require a compulsory English language test.

Each application will be assessed on a case-by-case basis and VU reserves the right to ask for English language proficiency test results.

Qualification	Requirements
General Certificate of Education (GCE A Levels)	A grade of C (or better) in the subject: English Language.
International Baccalaureate	A minimum of 3 in English (Standard Level).
Australian University Foundation Program	Completion of a recognised foundation program where English is the medium of instruction and assessment (with a pass in approved English subjects), and having completed these studies no more than two years prior to commencing studies at VU. <sup>^</sup>
Secondary schooling or tertiary studies in an English-speaking country (overseas)	Satisfactory completion of two years' (full-time) academic study, completed in the minimum duration, in an accredited institution in the medium of English, and having completed these studies no more than two years prior to commencing studies at VU. <sup>^</sup>
Australian Qualifications Framework qualification (AQF)	Satisfactory completion of one year full-time academic study in an AQF qualification (completed in the standard duration excluding approved intermission) and having completed these studies not more than two years prior to commencing studies at VU. <sup>^</sup>
Senior Secondary School (in Australia)	Australian Year 12 Certificate, Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) Units 3 and 4 in English with a study score of 20 or EAL with a study score of 25 (or interstate equivalent) or completion of Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL).

## Bachelor degrees

Qualification	Requirements
General Certificate of Education (GCE A Levels)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A grade of C in the following:</li> <li>AS Level subjects: General Paper, English Language; or</li> <li>A Level subject: English Language</li> </ul>
International Baccalaureate	A minimum of 4 in English (Standard Level) or a minimum of 3 in English (Higher Level).
Australian University Foundation Program	Completion of a recognised foundation program where English is the medium of instruction and assessment (with a minimum grade of 60% in all English subjects). <sup>^</sup>
Australian Qualifications Framework qualification (AQF)	Satisfactory completion of one year of full-time study (Certificate IV or higher) completed in the standard duration, excluding approved intermission and having completed these studies no more than two years prior to commencing studies at VU. <sup>^</sup>
Secondary schooling or tertiary studies in an English-speaking country (overseas)	<p>Satisfactory completion of two years' senior secondary schooling OR two years' (full-time) academic study in a tertiary institution in an English-speaking country where English was the language of instruction and assessment for the whole institution, and having completed these studies no more than two years prior to commencing studies at VU.</p> <p>Where studies were completed more than two but less than five years prior to application, the applicant will be eligible to have their language proficiency accepted without testing if they completed their entire secondary schooling OR two years' (full-time) academic study in a tertiary institution in the English speaking country where English was the language of instruction and assessment for the whole institution.<sup>^</sup></p>
Australian Senior Secondary School Certificate	Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) Units 3 and 4 in English with a study score of 20 or EAL with a study score of 25 (or interstate equivalent) or Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning - senior (VCAL).

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## Postgraduate courses

Qualification	Requirements
Postgraduate Australian Qualifications Framework qualification (AQF)	Successful completion of at least one year of full-time academic study completed in the standard duration, excluding approved intermission, and having completed these studies no more than two years prior to commencing studies at VU. <sup>^</sup>
Undergraduate Australian Qualifications Framework qualification (AQF)	Successful completion of at least two years of full-time academic study completed in the standard duration, excluding approved intermission, and having completed these studies no more than two years prior to commencing studies at VU. <sup>^</sup>
Study at an accredited institution in an English speaking country where English is the language of instruction, completed no more than two years prior to enrolment at VU.	Successful completion of at least two years' full-time academic study (at undergraduate degree level) completed in the standard duration, excluding approved intermission, and having completed these studies no more than two years prior to commencing studies at VU.  Successful completion of at least one years' full-time academic study (at Masters degree level or higher) completed in the standard duration, excluding approved intermission, and having completed these studies no more than two years prior to commencing studies at VU.
Study at an institution within a non-English speaking country, but where English is the medium of instruction and assessment for the whole institution, completed no more than two years prior to enrolment at VU.	Successful completion of at least two years' full-time academic study (at undergraduate degree level or higher) completed in the standard duration, excluding approved intermission, and having completed these studies no more than two years prior to commencing studies at VU.



### <sup>^</sup>Recognition may apply if:

- the qualification was delivered in Australia or in a specified English-speaking country (Canada – excluding Quebec, Fiji, Republic of Ireland, Kenya, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, United Kingdom, United States of America - excluding Puerto Rico, and Zambia);
- the AQF qualification is delivered at a registered training organisation and listed on [aqf.edu.au](http://aqf.edu.au) and [training.gov.au](http://training.gov.au);
- the course applied for does not have a higher English language proficiency requirement than the requirements outlined;
- the qualification was completed in the minimum duration. Time limitations apply to these qualifications.

Applications that do not meet the above requirements may be considered on a case-by-case basis, providing:

- the most recent studies were of at least two years in duration;
- were conducted solely in English (language of instruction and assessment); and
- were completed no more than two years prior to commencement of studies at Victoria University.

Each application will be assessed on a case-by-case basis and Victoria University reserves the right to request further evidence.

Time limits may apply to English language requirements.

### Additional requirements

In some cases you may be required to provide additional information to be eligible for entry into a specific course.

Check the entry requirements for specific courses in this guide and ensure you submit this with your application.