

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

You need to provide evidence that you have completed an approved English language test, not more than two years prior to commencing your studies at Victoria University. 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:

Examination method	Diplomas	Bachelor	Postgraduate (including research)
IELTS (Academic Module): Overall score (no band less than)	5.5 (5.0)	6.0 (6.0)	6.5 (6.0)
TOEFL Internet: Test score (no section score less than)	55 (Listening 9, Speaking 16, Reading 10, Writing 18)	67 (Listening 12, Speaking 18, Reading 15, Writing 21)	79 (Listening 19, Speaking 19, Reading 18, Writing 22)
Pearson Test of English (PTE): Overall score (no section score less than)	42 (40)	50 (50)	58 (50)
C1 Advanced: (formerly Cambridge English: Advanced - CAE)	162 (154)	169 (169)	176 (169)
C2 Proficiency: (formerly Cambridge English: Proficiency - CPE)	162 (154)	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			
			Listening	Reading	Writing	Speaking
Diploma of Education Studies	EDES	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
Bachelor of Education (P-12)	EBED	7.0	7.5	6.5	6.5	7.5
Master of Teaching (Primary Education)	EMPE	7.0	7.5	6.5	6.5	7.5
Master of Teaching (Secondary Education)	EMES	7.0	7.5	6.5	6.5	7.5
Bachelor of Biomedicine	HBBM	7.0	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5
Diploma of Nursing	HLT54115	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0
Bachelor of Nursing	HBND	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0
Bachelor of Laws (Graduate Entry)	BLGE	6.5	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
Bachelor of Laws	BLAW	6.5	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0

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 on the next page, 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.

Diplomas

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 language of instruction and assessment (with a pass in the English subject). [^]
Secondary Schooling or tertiary studies	Satisfactory completion of two years' (full-time) academic study in an institution where English was the language of instruction and assessment, and having completed these studies no more than two years prior to commencing studies at VU. [^]
Australian Qualifications Framework qualification (AQF)	Completed an AQF qualification with a minimum duration of one year of full-time study (completed in the minimum duration) and having completed these studies no more than two years prior to commencing studies at VU. [^]
Senior Secondary School (in Australia)	Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) Units 3 and 4 in English with a study score of 20 or ESL with a study score of 25 (or interstate equivalent).

Bachelor degrees

Qualification	Requirements
General Certificate of Education (GCE A Levels)	A grade of C in the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AS Level subjects: General Paper, English Language; or A Level subject: English Language
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 an approved foundation program where English is the language of instruction and assessment (with a minimum grade of 60% in the English subject). [^]
Australian Qualifications Framework qualification (AQF)	Completed an AQF qualification (Certificate IV or higher) with a minimum duration of one year full-time study (completed in the minimum duration) and having completed these studies no more than two years prior to commencing studies at VU. [^]
Secondary Schooling or tertiary studies	Satisfactory completion of two years' (full-time) academic study in an institution where English was the language of instruction and assessment, and having completed these studies no more than two years prior to commencing studies at VU. [^]
Senior Secondary School (in Australia)	VCE Units 3 and 4 in English with a study score of 20 or ESL with a study score of 25 (or interstate equivalent).

Postgraduate courses

Qualification	Requirements
Postgraduate Australian Qualifications Framework qualification (AQF)	Satisfactory completion of at least one year's (full-time) academic study and having completed these studies no more than two years prior to commencing studies at VU. [^]
Undergraduate Australian Qualifications Framework qualification (AQF)	Satisfactory completion of at least two years' (full-time) academic study and having completed these studies no more than two years prior to commencing studies at VU. [^]

[^]Recognition may apply if:

- the qualification was delivered in Australia or in a specified English-speaking country (Canada – excluding Quebec), Fiji, Ireland, Kenya, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, United Kingdom, United States of America and Zambia);
- the AQF qualification is delivered at a registered training organisation and listed on aqf.edu.au and 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.