



## **Course Entry Requirement Statement for 2018 Entry**

### **Scope and Purpose**

1. This document is designed for use by Southampton Solent University (SSU) staff when evaluating applicants for entry to undergraduate and postgraduate taught programmes. This includes all students from the UK, EU and Non-EU.
2. SSU offers places to its programmes primarily on the basis of UCAS tariff points, which includes international equivalencies as mapped by UCAS. SSU has also designed the Solent NARIC as a means of evaluating entry standards when using international qualifications.
3. SSU benchmarks its English Language requirements against the Common European Framework of Reference for languages (CEFR) and the International English Language Testing Service (IELTS).
4. Where applicants require a Tier 4 (General) Student Visa, SSU's benchmarks also satisfy the UK Visa and Immigration's (UKVI) minimum English Language requirements of CEFR B2. The UKVI's list of approved assessments is called the 'Secure English Language Tests' (SELT).
5. Additional details regarding the SSU Standards of English can be found in the following appendices:
  - a. Appendix A: Exemptions and Exceptions
  - b. Appendix B: Acceptable English Language qualifications for students requiring a tier 4 (general) student visa (non-UK/EU)
  - c. Appendix C: European school leaving/matriculation certificates equivalent to IELTS (Academic) 6.0 overall
6. The Course Entry Requirements Statements should always be viewed in conjunction with the University Admissions Policy.
7. The statement is influenced by the Governments' immigration regulations for a Tier 4 applicant. Thus, is subject to change throughout the admissions cycle.

## UK QUALIFICATIONS

### GCSEs and equivalent qualifications

8. For some courses across the University, it is necessary to provide proof of GCSE English, Maths and Science before being offered an unconditional place on the course. Southampton Solent University accepts the following qualifications to satisfy this requirement.
- GCSE Maths at Grade C
  - Functional Skills in Maths - Pass at Level 2
  - Key Skills in Numeracy - Pass at Level 2
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- GCSE English at Grade C
  - Functional Skills in English - Pass at Level 2
  - Key Skills in Literature - Pass at Level 2
  - GCSE Science at Grade C
9. If an applicant has completed or is studying towards an AS or A Level in English or Mathematics, they will not need to provide evidence of GCSE attainment.
10. If an applicant has completed or is studying towards an Access to Higher Education course, proof of GCSE attainment isn't necessary if completing an equivalent unit at Level 2.

Qualification	Minimum Grade Required for Equivalence
A Levels	<p>A Level qualifications will be accepted for all foundation and degree level courses at Southampton Solent University.</p> <p>For foundation entry, applicants must have a minimum of one A Level with a minimum of two years FE study.</p> <p>For Level 4 (year 1) entry, applicants must have a minimum of 2 A Levels.</p> <p>Some courses require one or more A Level to be studied at a relevant subject.</p>
AAT Level 3 Diploma in Accounting	<p>The University accepts this qualification on its own for entry to foundation level if achieved with a Pass grade.</p> <p>For entry to Level 4 (year 1), this qualification is accepted only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.</p>
AAT Level 3 NVQ in Accounting	<p>This qualification is accepted on its own for foundation year entry if achieved with a Pass.</p> <p>For entry to Level 4 (year 1), this qualification is accepted only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.</p>
ABC Level 3 Diploma in Fashion Retail	<p>Southampton Solent University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation year entry if awarded a Merit grade.</p> <p>For entry to Level 4 (year 1), this qualification is accepted only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.</p>

<b>ABC Level 3 Diploma in Foundation Studies (Art and Design)</b>	<p>This qualification is accepted on its own for foundation year if achieved with a Pass.</p> <p>The University will accept this qualification on its own for the majority of Level 4 (year 1) entry. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p> <p>For courses which have a higher entry requirement than 280/112 tariff points, applicants will need to show evidence of additional Level 3 qualifications.</p>
<b>ABC Level 3 Foundation Diploma in Art, Design and Media</b>	<p>This qualification is accepted on its own for foundation year if achieved with a Pass.</p> <p>The University will accept this qualification on its own for the majority of Level 4 (year 1) entry. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p> <p>For courses which have a higher entry requirement than 280/112 tariff points, applicants will need to show evidence of additional Level 3 qualifications.</p>
<b>Access to Higher Education (Post-2006)</b>	<p>The University will accept this qualification on its own for the majority of Level 4 (year 1) entry. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course, but will typically be a pass with 6 Distinctions and 24 Merits.</p>
<b>Access to Higher Education (Pre-2006)</b>	<p>The University will accept this qualification on its own for the majority of Level 4 (year 1) entry. Applicants would need to have student in total 60 Level 3 Credits with 45 Credits achieved at Merit.</p>
<b>Advanced Extension Awards</b>	<p>The University will accept these qualifications for foundation and Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.</p>
<b>AQA Level 3 Certificate in Enterprise, Employability and Personal Finance</b>	<p>The University will accept these qualifications for foundation and Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.</p>
<b>AQA Technical Level 3 Business: Marketing (VRQs)</b>	<p>The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry and the majority of Level 4 (year 1) entry. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p> <p>For courses which have a higher entry requirement than 280/112 tariff points, applicants will need to show evidence of additional Level 3 qualifications.</p>
<b>AQA Technical Level 3 Engineering: Design Engineering (VRQs)</b>	<p>The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry and the majority of Level 4 (year 1) entry. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p> <p>For courses which have a higher entry requirement than 280/112 tariff points, applicants will need to show evidence of additional Level 3 qualifications.</p>
<b>AQA Technical Level 3 Mechatronic Engineering (VRQs)</b>	<p>The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry and the majority of Level 4 (year 1) entry. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p> <p>For courses which have a higher entry requirement than 280/112 tariff points, applicants will need to show evidence of additional Level 3 qualifications.</p>
<b>AQA Technical Level 3 Power Networking Engineering (VRQs)</b>	<p>The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry and the majority of Level 4 (year 1) entry. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p> <p>For courses which have a higher entry requirement than 280/112 tariff points, applicants will need to show evidence of additional Level 3 qualifications.</p>

<p><b>AQA Technical Level 3 Networking (VRQs)</b></p>	<p>The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry and the majority of Level 4 (year 1) entry. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p> <p>For courses which have a higher entry requirement than 280/112 tariff points, applicants will need to show evidence of additional Level 3 qualifications.</p>
<p><b>AQA Technical Level 3 Programming (VRQs)</b></p>	<p>The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry and the majority of Level 4 (year 1) entry. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p> <p>For courses which have a higher entry requirement than 280/112 tariff points, applicants will need to show evidence of additional Level 3 qualifications.</p>
<p><b>AQA Technical Level 3 User Support (VRQs)</b></p>	<p>The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry and the majority of Level 4 (year 1) entry. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p> <p>For courses which have a higher entry requirement than 280/112 tariff points, applicants will need to show evidence of additional Level 3 qualifications.</p>
<p><b>BTEC Level 3 National Award in Children’s Play, Learning and Development (Post-2014)</b></p>	<p>This qualification is accepted on its own for foundation year if achieved with a Distinction.</p> <p>For entry to Level 4 (year 1), this qualification is accepted only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.</p>
<p><b>BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Children’s Play, Learning and Development (Post-2014)</b></p>	<p>The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry and the majority of Level 4 (year 1) entry. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p> <p>For courses which have a higher entry requirement than 280/112 tariff points, applicants will need to show evidence of additional Level 3 qualifications.</p>
<p><b>BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Children’s Play, Learning and Development (Post-2014)</b></p>	<p>The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry and Level 4 (year 1) entry. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p>
<p><b>BTEC Level 3 National Subsidiary Award in Children’s Play, Learning and Development (Post-2014)</b></p>	<p>The University will accept this qualification for foundation and Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.</p>
<p><b>BTEC Level 3 National Subsidiary Certificate in Children’s Play, Learning and Development (Post-2014)</b></p>	<p>This qualification is accepted on its own for foundation year if achieved with a grade of MM.</p> <p>This qualification is also accepted on its own for Level 4 (year 1) entry for courses which have been allocated an entry requirement of 200/80. Applicants would be required to achieve a grade of D*D.</p> <p>For courses which have a higher entry requirement than 200/80 tariff points, applicants will need to show evidence of additional Level 3 qualifications.</p>
<p><b>BTEC Level 3 National Award in Children’s Play, Learning and Development (Pre-2014)</b></p>	<p>This qualification is accepted on its own for foundation year if achieved with a Distinction.</p> <p>For entry to Level 4 (year 1), this qualification is accepted only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.</p>
<p><b>BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Children’s Play,</b></p>	<p>The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry and the majority of Level 4 (year 1) entry. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p>

<b>Learning and Development (Pre-2014)</b>	For courses which have a higher entry requirement than 280/112 tariff points, applicants will need to show evidence of additional Level 3 qualifications.
<b>BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Children's Play, Learning and Development (Pre-2014)</b>	The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry and Level 4 (year 1) entry. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.
<b>BTEC Level 3 National Subsidiary Award in Children's Play, Learning and Development (Pre-2014)</b>	The University will accept this qualification for foundation and Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.
<b>BTEC Level 3 National Subsidiary Diploma in Children's Play, Learning and Development (Pre-2014)</b>	This qualification is accepted on its own for foundation year if achieved with a grade of MM.  This qualification is also accepted on its own for Level 4 (year 1) entry for courses which have been allocated an entry requirement of 200/80. Applicants would be required to achieve a grade of D*D.  For courses which have a higher entry requirement than 200/80 tariff points, applicants will need to show evidence of additional Level 3 qualifications.
<b>BTEC National Award (NQF)</b>	This qualification is accepted on its own for foundation year if achieved with a grade of Distinction.  The University will accept this qualification for Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.
<b>BTEC National Certificate (NQF)</b>	This qualification is accepted on its own for foundation year if achieved with a grade of MP.  This qualification is also accepted on its own for Level 4 (year 1) entry for courses which have been allocated an entry requirement of up to 240/96. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.  For courses which have a higher entry requirement than 240/96 tariff points, applicants will need to show evidence of additional Level 3 qualifications.
<b>BTEC National Diploma (NQF)</b>	The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry and Level 4 (year 1) entry. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.
<b>BTEC Specialist Diploma</b>	This qualification is accepted on its own for foundation year if achieved with a grade of Distinction.  The University will accept this qualification for Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.
<b>BTEC QCF Certificate</b>	The University will accept this qualification for foundation and Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.
<b>BTEC QCF Subsidiary Diploma</b>	This qualification is accepted on its own for foundation year if achieved with a grade of Distinction.  The University will accept this qualification for Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.
<b>BTEC QCF 90 Credit Diploma</b>	This qualification is accepted on its own for foundation year if achieved with a grade of MM.

	<p>This qualification is also accepted on its own for Level 4 (year 1) entry for courses which have been allocated an entry requirement of 200/80. Applicants would be required to achieve a grade of D*D.</p> <p>For courses which have a higher entry requirement than 200/80 tariff points, applicants will need to show evidence of additional Level 3 qualifications.</p>
<b>BTEC QCF Diploma</b>	<p>The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry and the majority of Level 4 (year 1) entry. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p> <p>For courses which have a higher entry requirement than 280/112 tariff points, applicants will need to show evidence of additional Level 3 qualifications.</p>
<b>BTEC QCF Extended Diploma</b>	<p>The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry and Level 4 (year 1) entry. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p>
<b>CISI Level 3 Diploma in Finance, Risk &amp; Investment</b>	<p>This qualification is accepted on its own for foundation year if achieved with a grade A.</p> <p>The University will accept this qualification for Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.</p>
<b>City &amp; Guilds Land Based Services Level 3 90 Credit Diploma</b>	<p>This qualification is accepted on its own for foundation year if achieved with a grade of Merit.</p> <p>This qualification is also accepted on its own for Level 4 (year 1) entry for courses which have been allocated an entry requirement of 200/80. Applicants would be required to achieve a grade of Distinction*.</p> <p>For courses which have a higher entry requirement than 200/80 tariff points, applicants will need to show evidence of additional Level 3 qualifications.</p>
<b>City &amp; Guilds Land Based Services Level 3 Certificate</b>	<p>The University will accept this qualification for foundation and Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.</p>
<b>City &amp; Guilds Land Based Services Level 3 Diploma</b>	<p>The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry and the majority of Level 4 (year 1) entry. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p> <p>For courses which have a higher entry requirement than 280/112 tariff points, applicants will need to show evidence of additional Level 3 qualifications.</p>
<b>City &amp; Guilds Land Based Services Level 3 Extended Diploma</b>	<p>The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry and Level 4 (year 1) entry. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p>
<b>City &amp; Guilds Land Based Services Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma</b>	<p>This qualification is accepted on its own for foundation year if achieved with a grade of Distinction.</p> <p>The University will accept this qualification for Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.</p>
<b>City &amp; Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate</b>	<p>This qualification is accepted on its own for foundation year if achieved with a grade of D.</p> <p>The University will accept this qualification for Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.</p>
<b>City &amp; Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma (1080)</b>	<p>The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry and Level 4 (year 1) entry. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p>

<p><b>City &amp; Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma (720)</b></p>	<p>The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry and the majority of Level 4 (year 1) entry. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p> <p>For courses which have a higher entry requirement than 280/112 tariff points, applicants will need to show evidence of additional Level 3 qualifications.</p>
<p><b>City &amp; Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma</b></p>	<p>This qualification is accepted on its own for foundation year if achieved with a grade of M.</p> <p>This qualification is also accepted on its own for Level 4 (year 1) entry for courses which have been allocated an entry requirement of 200/80. Applicants would be required to achieve a grade of D*.</p> <p>For courses which have a higher entry requirement than 200/80 tariff points, applicants will need to show evidence of additional Level 3 qualifications.</p>
<p><b>City &amp; Guilds Level 3 Technical Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner (NRF)</b></p>	<p>This qualification is accepted on its own for foundation year if achieved with a grade of M.</p> <p>This qualification is also accepted on its own for Level 4 (year 1) entry for courses which have been allocated an entry requirement of 200/80. Applicants would be required to achieve a grade of D*.</p> <p>For courses which have a higher entry requirement than 200/80 tariff points, applicants will need to show evidence of additional Level 3 qualifications.</p>
<p><b>Edexcel BTEC National Certificate in Early Years Theory</b></p>	<p>This qualification is accepted on its own for foundation year if achieved with a grade of MM.</p> <p>This qualification is also accepted on its own for Level 4 (year 1) entry for courses which have been allocated an entry requirement of 200/80. Applicants would be required to achieve a grade of DD.</p> <p>For courses which have a higher entry requirement than 200/80 tariff points, applicants will need to show evidence of additional Level 3 qualifications.</p>
<p><b>Edexcel BTEC National Diploma/Certificate Practical in Early Years</b></p>	<p>This qualification is accepted on its own for foundation year if achieved with a grade of D.</p> <p>The University will accept this qualification for Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.</p>
<p><b>Edexcel BTEC National Diploma in Early Years Theory</b></p>	<p>The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry and Level 4 (year 1) entry. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p>
<p><b>Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Foundation Diploma in Art and Design</b></p>	<p>This qualification is accepted on its own for foundation year if achieved with a Pass.</p> <p>The University will accept this qualification on its own for the majority of Level 4 (year 1) entry. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p> <p>For courses which have a higher entry requirement than 280/112 tariff points, applicants will need to show evidence of additional Level 3 qualifications.</p>
<p><b>Extended Project</b></p>	<p>The University will accept this qualification for foundation and Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.</p>
<p><b>FETAC Level 4</b></p>	<p>The University will accept this qualification for foundation and Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications or a combination of Irish Higher and Ordinary qualifications.</p>

<b>International Baccalaureate Certificate Core</b>	<p>This qualification is accepted on its own for foundation year if achieved with a grade of 3.</p> <p>The University will accept this qualification for Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.</p>
<b>International Baccalaureate Certificate Higher Level</b>	<p>This qualification is accepted on its own for foundation year if achieved with a grade of 7.</p> <p>The University will accept this qualification for Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.</p>
<b>International Baccalaureate Diploma</b>	<p>The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry with less than 24 points and upon completion.</p> <p>This qualification is also accepted for Level 4 (year 1) entry if an applicant achieves 28-32 points (depending on the course). Applicants who have a lower score on their IB should be encouraged to apply for their course of choice as Southampton Solent University will consider other aspects of the application such as reference and personal statement.</p>
<b>International Baccalaureate Certificate Standard Level</b>	<p>The University will accept this qualification for foundation and Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with Higher Levels.</p>
<b>International Baccalaureate Extended Essay</b>	<p>The University will accept this qualification for foundation and Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with Higher Levels.</p>
<b>International Baccalaureate Reflective Project</b>	<p>The University will accept this qualification for foundation and Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with Higher Levels.</p>
<b>International Baccalaureate Theory of Knowledge</b>	<p>The University will accept this qualification for foundation and Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with Higher Levels.</p>
<b>Irish Leaving Certificate - Ordinary</b>	<p>The University will accept this qualification for foundation and Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with Highers.</p>
<b>Level 3 Certificate in Financial Studies (CeFS) (QCF)</b>	<p>The University will accept this qualification for foundation and Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.</p>
<b>Level 3 Diploma in Financial Studies (DipFS) (QCF)</b>	<p>This qualification is accepted on its own for foundation year if achieved with a grade A.</p> <p>The University will accept this qualification for Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.</p>
<b>NCFE CACHE Level 3 Extended Diploma for the Children and Young People's Workforce (QCF)</b>	<p>The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry and Level 4 (year 1) entry. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p>
<b>NCFE CACHE Level 3 Extended Diploma - Health and Social Care (VRQ)</b>	<p>The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry and Level 4 (year 1) entry. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p>
<b>NCFE CACHE Level 3 Certificate - Health and Social Care (VRQ)</b>	<p>This qualification is accepted on its own for foundation year if achieved with a grade A*.</p>



	The University will accept this qualification for Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.
<b>NCFE CACHE Level 3 Award - Health and Social Care (VRQ)</b>	The University will accept this qualification for foundation and Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.
<b>NCFE CACHE Level 3 Award in Childcare &amp; Education</b>	The University will accept this qualification for foundation and Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.
<b>NCFE CACHE Level 3 Certificate in Childcare &amp; Education</b>	The University will accept this qualification for foundation and Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.
<b>NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Childcare &amp; Education</b>	The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry and Level 4 (year 1) entry. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.
<b>NCFE CACHE Level 3 Extended Diploma for Children's Care, Learning and Development (Wales and Northern Ireland)</b>	The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry and Level 4 (year 1) entry. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.
<b>NCFE Level 3 Introductory Certificate in Sport and Physical Activity</b>	The University will accept this qualification for foundation and Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.
<b>NCFE Level 3 Certificate in Sport and Physical Activity</b>	The University will accept this qualification for foundation and Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.
<b>NCFE Level 3 Diploma (540) in Sport and Physical Activity</b>	The University will accept this qualification for foundation and Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.
<b>NCFE Level 3 Diploma (720) in Sport and Physical Activity</b>	This qualification can be accepted on its own for entry into Foundation or Level 4 (year 1). The University will confirm required grades required once UCAS have mapped the qualification against the Tariff.
<b>NCFE Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport and Physical Activity</b>	This qualification can be accepted on its own for entry into Foundation or Level 4 (year 1). The University will confirm required grades required once UCAS have mapped the qualification against the Tariff.
<b>NCFE Level 3 Applied General Certificate in Business Enterprise</b>	The University will accept this qualification for foundation and Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.
<b>NCFE Level 3 Applied General Certificate in Art and Design</b>	The University will accept this qualification for foundation and Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.
<b>NCFE Level 3 Certificate in Art and Design (QCF)</b>	The University will accept this qualification for foundation and Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.
<b>NCFE Level 3 Certificate in Photography (QCF)</b>	The University will accept this qualification for foundation and Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.
<b>NCFE Level 3 Diploma in Photography (QCF)</b>	This qualification is accepted on its own for foundation year if achieved with a grade of Pass.

	<p>The University will accept this qualification for Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.</p>
<p><b>NCFE Level 3 Diploma for Entry to the Uniformed Services</b></p>	<p>This qualification is accepted on its own for foundation year if achieved with a grade D*.</p> <p>The University will accept this qualification for Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.</p>
<p><b>NCFE Level 3 Diploma in Creative Media</b></p>	<p>This qualification is accepted on its own for foundation year if achieved with a grade of Distinction.</p> <p>The University will accept this qualification for Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.</p>
<p><b>NCFE Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative Media</b></p>	<p>This qualification is accepted on its own for foundation year if achieved with a grade of Merit.</p> <p>This qualification is also accepted on its own for Level 4 (year 1) entry for courses which have been allocated an entry requirement of 200/80. Applicants would be required to achieve a grade of Distinction*.</p> <p>For courses which have a higher entry requirement than 200/80 tariff points, applicants will need to show evidence of additional Level 3 qualifications.</p>
<p><b>NCFE Level 3 Diploma in Preparing to Work in Renewable Energy Engineering</b></p>	<p>This qualification is accepted on its own for foundation year if achieved with a grade Distinction.</p> <p>The University will accept this qualification for Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.</p>
<p><b>NCFE Level 3 Certificate in Sport</b></p>	<p>The University will accept this qualification for foundation and Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.</p>
<p><b>NCFE Level 3 Diploma in Sport</b></p>	<p>This qualification is accepted on its own for foundation year if achieved with a grade of Distinction.</p> <p>The University will accept this qualification for Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.</p>
<p><b>NCFE Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport</b></p>	<p>This qualification is accepted on its own for foundation year if achieved with a grade of Merit.</p> <p>This qualification is also accepted on its own for Level 4 (year 1) entry for courses which have been allocated an entry requirement of 200/80. Applicants would be required to achieve a grade of Distinction*.</p> <p>For courses which have a higher entry requirement than 200/80 tariff points, applicants will need to show evidence of additional Level 3 qualifications.</p>
<p><b>NCTJ Level 3 Certificate in Foundation Journalism</b></p>	<p>The University will accept this qualification for foundation and Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.</p>
<p><b>OCR Cambridge Technical Certificate</b></p>	<p>The University will accept this qualification for foundation and Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.</p>
<p><b>OCR Cambridge Introductory Diploma</b></p>	<p>This qualification is accepted on its own for foundation year if achieved with a grade D.</p> <p>The University will accept this qualification for Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.</p>

<p><b>OCR Cambridge Technical Subsidiary Diploma</b></p>	<p>This qualification is accepted on its own for foundation year if achieved with a grade of MM.</p> <p>This qualification is also accepted on its own for Level 4 (year 1) entry for courses which have been allocated an entry requirement of 200/80. Applicants would be required to achieve a grade of D*D.</p> <p>For courses which have a higher entry requirement than 200/80 tariff points, applicants will need to show evidence of additional Level 3 qualifications.</p>
<p><b>OCR Cambridge Technical Diploma</b></p>	<p>The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry and the majority of Level 4 (year 1) entry. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p> <p>For courses which have a higher entry requirement than 280/112 tariff points, applicants will need to show evidence of additional Level 3 qualifications.</p>
<p><b>OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma</b></p>	<p>The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry and Level 4 (year 1) entry. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p>
<p><b>OCR Certificate for IT Professionals</b></p>	<p>The University will accept this qualification for foundation and Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.</p>
<p><b>OCR Diploma for IT Professionals</b></p>	<p>The University will accept this qualification for foundation and Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.</p>
<p><b>OCR Level 3 Certificate for iMedia Professionals</b></p>	<p>The University will accept this qualification for foundation and Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.</p>
<p><b>OCR Level 3 Diploma for iMedia Professionals</b></p>	<p>The University will accept this qualification for foundation and Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.</p>
<p><b>OCR Level 3 Certificate for Young Enterprise</b></p>	<p>The University will accept this qualification for foundation and Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.</p>
<p><b>OCR Level 3 Certificate in Mathematics for Engineering</b></p>	<p>The University will accept this qualification for foundation and Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.</p>
<p><b>OCR National Certificate</b></p>	<p>This qualification is accepted on its own for foundation year if achieved with a grade D.</p> <p>The University will accept this qualification for Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.</p>
<p><b>OCR National Diploma</b></p>	<p>This qualification is accepted on its own for foundation year if achieved with a grade of P2.</p> <p>This qualification is also accepted on its own for Level 4 (year 1) entry for courses which have been allocated an entry requirement of up to 240/96. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p> <p>For courses which have a higher entry requirement than 240/96 tariff points, applicants will need to show evidence of additional Level 3 qualifications.</p>
<p><b>OCR National Extended Diploma</b></p>	<p>The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry and Level 4 (year 1) entry. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p>
<p><b>Open University Credits</b></p>	<p>The University may consider credits from the Open University.</p> <p>Applicants are advised to contact the Admission and Enrolment Team to discuss their qualifications prior to submitting an application.</p>

<b>Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Certificate in Achieving Excellence in Sport Performance</b>	The University will accept this qualification for foundation and Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.
<b>Pearson LCCI Level 3 Certificate in Accounting (IAS)</b>	This qualification is accepted on its own for foundation year if achieved with a grade of Distinction.  The University will accept this qualification for Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.
<b>Pearson LCCI Level 3 Certificate in Business Statistics (VRQ)</b>	The University will accept this qualification for foundation and Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.
<b>Pearson LCCI Level 3 Certificate in Cost and Management Accounting (VRQ)</b>	This qualification is accepted on its own for foundation year if achieved with a grade of Distinction.  The University will accept this qualification for Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.
<b>Pearson LCCI Level 3 Certificate in Financial Accounting (VRQ)</b>	This qualification is accepted on its own for foundation year if achieved with a grade of Distinction.  The University will accept this qualification for Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.
<b>Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Understanding Sports Performance (QCF)</b>	The University will accept this qualification for foundation and Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.
<b>Principle Learning Wales (option element of the Welsh Baccalaureate)</b>	This qualification is accepted on its own for foundation year if achieved with a grade C.  This qualification is also accepted on its own for Level 4 (year 1) entry for courses which have been allocated an entry requirement of 200/80. Applicants would be required to achieve a grade A*.  For courses which have a higher entry requirement than 200/80 tariff points, applicants will need to show evidence of additional Level 3 qualifications.
<b>Rockschool Music Practitioner Level 3 Certificate</b>	The University will accept this qualification for foundation and Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.
<b>Rockschool Music Practitioner Level 3 Extended Certificate</b>	The University will accept this qualification for foundation and Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.
<b>Rockschool Music Practitioner Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma</b>	This qualification is accepted on its own for foundation year if achieved with a grade of Merit.  This qualification is also accepted on its own for Level 4 (year 1) entry for courses which have been allocated an entry requirement of 200/80. Applicants would be required to achieve a grade of Distinction*.  For courses which have a higher entry requirement than 200/80 tariff points, applicants will need to show evidence of additional Level 3 qualifications.
<b>Rockschool Music Practitioner Level 3 Diploma</b>	The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry and the majority of Level 4 (year 1) entry. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.  For courses which have a higher entry requirement than 280/112 tariff points, applicants will need to show evidence of additional Level 3 qualifications.

<b>Rockschool Music Practitioner Level 3 Extended Diploma</b>	The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry and Level 4 (year 1) entry. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.
<b>TLM Level 3 Certificate for Designing, Engineering and Constructing a Sustainable Built Environment (QCF)</b>	The University will accept this qualification for foundation and Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.
<b>TLM Level 3 Diploma for Designing, Engineering and Construction a Sustainable Built Environment (QCF)</b>	This qualification is accepted on its own for foundation year if achieved with a grade A.  The University will accept this qualification for Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.
<b>TLM Level 3 Certificate in Open Systems Computing (QCF)</b>	The University will accept this qualification for foundation and Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.
<b>TLM Level 3 Diploma in Open Systems Computing (QCF)</b>	This qualification is accepted on its own for foundation year if achieved with a grade A.  The University will accept this qualification for Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.
<b>UAL Diploma in Creative Media Production &amp; Technology (QCF)</b>	This qualification is accepted on its own for foundation year if achieved with a grade of Merit.  This qualification is also accepted on its own for Level 4 (year 1) entry for courses which have been allocated an entry requirement of 200/80. Applicants would be required to achieve a grade of Distinction.  For courses which have a higher entry requirement than 200/80 tariff points, applicants will need to show evidence of additional Level 3 qualifications.
<b>UAL Extended Diploma in Creative Media Production &amp; Technology (QCF)</b>	The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry and Level 4 (year 1) entry. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.
<b>UAL Foundation Diploma in Art and Design</b>	The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry and the majority of Level 4 (year 1) entry. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.  For courses which have a higher entry requirement than 280/112 tariff points, applicants will need to show evidence of additional Level 3 qualifications.
<b>UAL Level 3 Diploma in Art and Design</b>	This qualification is accepted on its own for foundation year if achieved with a grade of Merit.  This qualification is also accepted on its own for Level 4 (year 1) entry for courses which have been allocated an entry requirement of 200/80. Applicants would be required to achieve a grade of Distinction.  For courses which have a higher entry requirement than 200/80 tariff points, applicants will need to show evidence of additional Level 3 qualifications.
<b>UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Art and Design</b>	The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry and Level 4 (year 1) entry. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.

<b>UAL Level 4 Diploma in Art and Design</b>	The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry and Level 4 (year 1) entry. Applicants will be required to achieve a Pass in this qualification.
<b>UAL Level 3 Diploma in Performing Arts &amp; Production</b>	This qualification is accepted on its own for foundation year if achieved with a grade of Merit.  This qualification is also accepted on its own for Level 4 (year 1) entry for courses which have been allocated an entry requirement of 200/80. Applicants would be required to achieve a grade of Distinction.  For courses which have a higher entry requirement than 200/80 tariff points, applicants will need to show evidence of additional Level 3 qualifications.
<b>UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performing &amp; Production Arts</b>	The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry and Level 4 (year 1) entry. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.
<b>VTCT Introductory Diploma in Sports Studies</b>	This qualification is accepted on its own for foundation year if achieved with a grade of Distinction.  The University will accept this qualification for Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.
<b>VTCT Subsidiary Diploma in Sports Studies</b>	This qualification is accepted on its own for foundation year if achieved with a grade of MM.  This qualification is also accepted on its own for Level 4 (year 1) entry for courses which have been allocated an entry requirement of 200/80. Applicants would be required to achieve a grade of D*D.  For courses which have a higher entry requirement than 200/80 tariff points, applicants will need to show evidence of additional Level 3 qualifications.
<b>VTCT Diploma in Sports Studies</b>	The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry and the majority of Level 4 (year 1) entry. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.  For courses which have a higher entry requirement than 280/112 tariff points, applicants will need to show evidence of additional Level 3 qualifications.
<b>VTCT Extended Diploma in Sports Studies</b>	The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry and Level 4 (year 1) entry. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.
<b>Vocational awards, certificates and diplomas</b>	The University may consider other vocational awards, certificates and diplomas that are not currently listed in this document.  Applicants are advised to contact the Admission and Enrolment Team to discuss their qualifications prior to submitting an application.
<b>Welsh Baccalaureate</b>	This qualification is accepted on its own for foundation year if achieved with a grade of Pass.  The University will accept this qualification for Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.
<b>WJEC Diploma in Foundation Studies (Art, Design and Media)</b>	The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry and the majority of Level 4 (year 1) entry. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.  For courses which have a higher entry requirement than 280/112 tariff points, applicants will need to show evidence of additional Level 3 qualifications.

<b>WJEC Level 3 Diploma in Food Science and Nutrition</b>	<p>This qualification is accepted on its own for foundation year if achieved with a grade of Distinction.</p> <p>The University will accept this qualification for Level 4 (year 1) entry only in conjunction with other Level 3 qualifications.</p>
<b>WJEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Environmental Science</b>	<p>The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry and the majority of Level 4 (year 1) entry. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p> <p>For courses which have a higher entry requirement than 280/112 tariff points, applicants will need to show evidence of additional Level 3 qualifications.</p>

## EU AND INTERNATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Country	Common Qualifications and minimum equivalence	Standard of English Language
Global	<p><b>European Baccalaureate</b> The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry and Level 4 (year 1) entry. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p> <p><b>International Baccalaureate</b> Refer to the UK Qualifications section.</p>	REFER TO APPENDIX B OR C
Antigua	<p><b>CAPE / A Levels</b> The University will accept these qualifications on their own for foundation entry, HND entry and entry onto a three year degree. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p>	REFER TO APPENDIX A
Austria	<p><b>Reifeprüfung/Matura</b> The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry, HND entry and entry onto a three year degree. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p>	REFER TO APPENDIX C
Bahrain	<p><b>Thannawiya/Tawjihiya (General Secondary Education Certificate)</b> The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation and HND entry if the applicant achieves 75%.</p> <p>This qualification cannot be used to gain entry to a three year undergraduate degree.</p> <p><b>Diploma</b> The University will accept this qualification for entry to a three year undergraduate degree. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p>	REFER TO APPENDIX B
Bangladesh	<p><b>Higher Secondary Certificate</b> The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry if the applicant achieves 50%.</p> <p>This qualification cannot be used to gain entry to a three year undergraduate degree or a HND.</p> <p><b>2 years of a degree</b> Applicants can be considered for a three year undergraduate degree if they have completed 2 years of a degree in Bangladesh or a foundation programme with 50% pass.</p>	REFER TO APPENDIX B
Barbados	<p><b>CAPE / A Levels</b></p>	REFER TO APPENDIX A

	The University will accept these qualifications on their own for foundation entry, HND entry and entry onto a three year degree. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.	
<b>Belgium</b>	<p><b>Diploma van Secundair Onderwijs</b> The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry, HND entry and entry onto a three year degree. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p> <p><b>Certificat d'Enseignement Secondair Superieur (CESS)</b> The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry, HND entry and entry onto a three year degree. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p>	<b>REFER TO APPENDIX C</b>
<b>Brunei</b>	<p><b>Brunei/Cambridge Overseas Advanced Level Examination/Matriculation</b> These qualifications will be accepted for all foundation and degree level courses at Southampton Solent University.</p> <p>For foundation entry, applicants must have a minimum of one A Level with a minimum of two years FE study.</p> <p>For Level 4 (year 1) entry, applicants must have a minimum of 2 A Levels.</p> <p>Some courses require one or more A Level to be studied at a relevant subject.</p>	<b>REFER TO APPENDIX B</b>
<b>Bulgaria</b>	<p><b>Diploma Za Sredno Obrazovanie</b> The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry, HND entry and entry onto a three year degree. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p>	<b>STANDARD SSU REQUIREMENTS</b>
<b>Canada</b>	<p><b>High School Diploma</b> The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry, HND entry and entry onto a three year degree. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p>	<b>REFER TO APPENDIX A</b>
<b>China</b>	<p><b>Senior High School Graduate Certificate (including Vocational High School)</b> This qualification will be accepted only for foundation entry with a Pass of 60%.</p> <p><b>Hui Kao Certificate</b> This qualification will be accepted only for foundation entry with a Pass of 60%.</p> <p><b>Needs a Foundation course for entry to a three year degree (level 4)</b></p>	<b>REFER TO APPENDIX B</b>
<b>Croatia</b>	<p><b>Svjedodzba o Maturi / Drzavna Matura</b> The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry, HND entry and entry onto a three year degree. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p>	<b>STANDARD SSU REQUIREMENTS</b>
<b>Cyprus (South)</b>	<p><b>Apolytirio</b> The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry, HND entry and entry onto a three year degree. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p>	<b>STANDARD SSU REQUIREMENTS</b>
<b>Cyprus (North)</b>	<p><b>Devlet Lise Diplomasi (DLD)</b> The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry, HND entry and entry onto a three year degree. Applicants will be required to achieve an overall score of 8 and provide proof of an additional A Level qualification at Grade C.</p>	<b>REFER TO APPENDIX B</b>
<b>Czech Republic</b>	<p><b>Maturita</b></p>	<b>STANDARD SSU REQUIREMENTS</b>



	The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry, HND entry and entry onto a three year degree. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.	
<b>Denmark</b>	<b>Studentereksamen; Hojere Forberedelseksamen (HF); Handelseksamen (HHX); Hojere Teknisk Eksamen (HTX)</b> The University will accept these qualifications on its own for foundation entry, HND entry and entry onto a three year degree. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.	<b>REFER TO APPENDIX C</b>
<b>Egypt</b>	<b>Tawjihiya (General Secondary Education Certificate)</b> The University will accept these qualifications on its own for foundation entry, HND entry and entry onto a three year degree. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.  <b>Diploma (2 years) from Intermediate or Higher Institute</b> The University does not accept this qualification for entry onto Foundation or HND courses.  The University will accept this qualification on its own for entry onto a three year degree. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.	<b>REFER TO APPENDIX B</b>
<b>Estonia</b>	<b>Gumnaasiumi Loputunnistus + Riigieksamitunnistus (with two state examinations)</b> The University will accept these qualifications when taken together for foundation entry, HND entry and entry onto a three year degree. The grades required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.	<b>REFER TO APPENDIX C</b>
<b>Finland</b>	<b>Ylioppilastutkinto; studentexamen (Matriculation Examination Certificate)</b> The University will accept these qualifications on its own for foundation entry, HND entry and entry onto a three year degree. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.	<b>REFER TO APPENDIX C</b>
<b>France</b>	<b>Baccalaureat</b> The University will accept these qualifications on its own for foundation entry, HND entry and entry onto a three year degree. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.	<b>REFER TO APPENDIX C</b>
<b>Germany</b>	<b>Zeugnis der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife / Abitur</b> The University will accept these qualifications on its own for foundation entry, HND entry and entry onto a three year degree. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.	<b>REFER TO APPENDIX C</b>
<b>Ghana</b>	<b>SSSCE / WASSCE / WAEC</b> This qualification will be accepted only for foundation entry only with C6/Credit.  This qualification cannot be used to gain entry to a three year undergraduate degree or a HND.	<b>REFER TO APPENDIX B</b>
<b>Greece</b>	<b>Apolytirio of Lykeio</b> The University will accept these qualifications on its own for foundation entry, HND entry and entry onto a three year degree. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.	<b>REFER TO APPENDIX C</b>
<b>Hong Kong</b>	<b>HKCEE</b> This qualification will be accepted only for foundation entry only with a minimum of C overall.  <b>HKALE</b> The University does not accept this qualification for foundation entry.	<b>REFER TO APPENDIX B</b>

	<p>The University will accept these qualifications on its own for HND entry and entry onto a three year degree. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p> <p><b>HKDSE -</b></p>	
<b>Hungary</b>	<p><b>Erettsegi Bizonyitvány/Matura</b> The University will accept these qualifications on its own for foundation entry, HND entry and entry onto a three year degree. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p>	<b>REFER TO APPENDIX C</b>
<b>India</b>	<p><b>HSSC/ISC (Year 12)</b> The University will accept these qualifications on its own for foundation entry, HND entry and entry onto a three year degree. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p>	<b>REFER TO APPENDIX B</b>
<b>Indonesia</b>	<p><b>STTB/SMA</b> This qualification will be accepted only for foundation entry only with 6.</p> <p>This qualification cannot be used to gain entry to a three year undergraduate degree or a HND.</p> <p><b>Diploma I (DI)</b> The University does not accept this qualification for foundation or HND entry.</p> <p>The University will accept these qualifications on its own for entry onto a three year degree. Applicants must achieve a Pass to gain entry onto courses which have entry requirements set at 240 or above.</p>	<b>REFER TO APPENDIX B</b>
<b>Italy</b>	<p><b>Diploma di Esame di Stato</b> The University will accept these qualifications on its own for foundation entry, HND entry and entry onto a three year degree. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p>	<b>STANDARD SSU REQUIREMENTS</b>
<b>Jamaica</b>	<p><b>CAPE / A Levels</b> The University will accept these qualifications on their own for foundation entry, HND entry and entry onto a three year degree. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p>	<b>REFER TO APPENDIX A</b>
<b>Japan</b>	<p><b>Upper Secondary School Leaving Certificate (KSS)</b> This qualification will be accepted only for foundation entry only with a minimum of 50%.</p> <p><b>Associate Degree from Junior College (Jun-Gakushi)</b> The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry, HND entry and entry onto three year degree for courses which have an entry requirement of up to 260 points (inclusive). The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p> <p>This qualification is not accepted for entry onto three year degree courses where entry requirement is set at 280 tariff points or above.</p>	<b>REFER TO APPENDIX B</b>
<b>Jordan</b>	<p><b>Thannawiya / Tawjihiya (General Secondary Education Certificate)</b> The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation and HND entry if the applicant achieves 75%.</p> <p>This qualification cannot be used to gain entry to a three year undergraduate degree.</p>	<b>REFER TO APPENDIX B</b>
<b>Kuwait</b>	<p><b>Thannawiya / Tawjihiya (General Secondary Education Certificate)</b> The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation and HND entry if the applicant achieves 75%.</p> <p>This qualification cannot be used to gain entry to a three year undergraduate degree.</p>	<b>REFER TO APPENDIX B</b>

<b>Latvia</b>	<p><b>Atestats par Visparejo Videjo Izglitibu</b> The University will accept these qualifications on its own for foundation entry, HND entry and entry onto a three year degree. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p>	<b>REFER TO APPENDIX C</b>
<b>Lebanon</b>	<p><b>Baccalaureat</b> The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation and HND entry if the applicant achieves 14.</p> <p>This qualification cannot be used to gain entry to a three year undergraduate degree.</p>	<b>REFER TO APPENDIX B</b>
<b>Libya</b>	<p>The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation and HND entry if the applicant achieves 75%.</p> <p>This qualification cannot be used to gain entry to a three year undergraduate degree.</p>	<b>REFER TO APPENDIX B</b>
<b>Lithuania</b>	<p><b>Brandos Atestatas</b> The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry, HND entry and entry onto a three year degree. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p>	<b>REFER TO APPENDIX C</b>
<b>Luxembourg</b>	<p><b>Diplome de Fin d'Etudes Secondaires</b> The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry, HND entry and entry onto a three year degree. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p>	<b>REFER TO APPENDIX B</b>
<b>Malaysia</b>	<p><b>SPM (Malaysia Certificate of Education)</b> This qualification will be accepted only for foundation entry only with a minimum Grade C or above.</p> <p><b>STPM (Malaysia High School Certificate)</b> The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation and HND entry with D, D, D.</p> <p>This qualification is accepted for entry onto three year degree for courses which have an entry requirement of up to 240 points (inclusive). The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p> <p>This qualification is not accepted for entry onto three year degree courses where entry requirement is set at 260 tariff points or above.</p> <p><b>UEC United Examination Certificate (Senior Middle Level)</b> The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry, HND entry and entry onto a three year degree. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p>	<b>REFER TO APPENDIX B</b>
<b>Macau</b>	<p><b>Certificate of Higher Secondary Education</b> This qualification will be accepted only for foundation entry with a minimum of 60%.</p> <p><b>Ensino Secundario Complemental</b> The University does not accept this qualification for foundation or HND entry.</p> <p>The University will accept this qualification on its own for entry onto a three year degree. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p> <p><b>Cambridge Overseas Higher School Certificate (COHSC)</b> The University does not accept this qualification for foundation or HND entry.</p>	<b>REFER TO APPENDIX B</b>

	The University will accept this qualification on its own for entry onto a three year degree .The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.	
<b>Malta</b>	<b>Advanced Matriculation Certificate Examination (from University of Malta)</b> The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry, HND entry and entry onto a three year degree. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.	<b>STANDARD SSU REQUIREMENTS</b>
<b>Myanmar</b>	<b>Basic Education High School Examination/Matriculation</b> This qualification will be accepted only for foundation entry with a minimum of 65%.  <b>(Technical Institute) Diploma</b> The University does not accept this qualification for foundation entry.  The University will accept this qualification on its own for entry onto a HND or a three year degree. Applicants will be required to achieve an overall Pass.	<b>REFER TO APPENDIX B</b>
<b>Netherlands</b>	<b>Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs (VWO)</b> The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry, HND entry and entry onto a three year degree. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.	<b>REFER TO APPENDIX C</b>
<b>Nevis</b>	<b>CAPE / A Levels</b> The University will accept these qualifications on their own for foundation entry, HND entry and entry onto a three year degree. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.	<b>REFER TO APPENDIX A</b>
<b>Nigeria</b>	<b>WASSCE/WAEC</b> This qualification will be accepted for foundation entry only with C6/Credit.  This qualification cannot be used to gain entry to a three year undergraduate degree or a HND.  <b>National Diploma (ND)</b> The University does not accept this qualification for foundation or HND entry.  The University will accept this qualification on its own for entry onto a three year degree. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.	<b>REFER TO APPENDIX B</b>
<b>Norway</b>	<b>High School/Videregående Opplaering</b> The University will accept this qualification on its own for entry onto a three year degree and for foundation level. It will not be accepted for a HND. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.	<b>REFER TO APPENDIX C</b>
<b>Oman</b>	<b>Tawjihiya (General Secondary Education Certificate/General Education Diploma)</b> This qualification will be accepted only for foundation and HND entry with a minimum of 75%.  This qualification cannot be used to gain entry to a three year undergraduate degree.	<b>REFER TO APPENDIX B</b>
<b>Pakistan</b>	<b>Intermediate/Higher Secondary Certificate</b> This qualification will be accepted only for foundation entry with a minimum of 50%.  This qualification cannot be used to gain entry to a three year undergraduate degree or a HND.	<b>REFER TO APPENDIX B</b>

	<p><b>Bachelor of Arts/Commerce</b> The University does not accept this qualification for foundation entry.</p> <p>The University will accept this qualification on its own for entry onto a HND or a three year degree. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p>	
<b>Poland</b>	<p><b>Swiadectwo Dorjrzalosci Matura</b> The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry, HND entry and entry onto a three year degree. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course. Courses which have a required tariff of 200 points or above must gain an additional extended level alongside the Matura.</p>	<b>STANDARD SSU REQUIREMENTS</b>
<b>Portugal</b>	<p><b>Certificado de fim de Estudos Secundarios; Certidao do Decimo Segundo Ano</b> The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry, HND entry and entry onto a three year degree. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p>	<b>STANDARD SSU REQUIREMENTS</b>
<b>Qatar</b>	<p><b>Qatar Senior School Certificate/General Secondary School Certificate</b> This qualification will be accepted only for foundation and HND entry with a minimum of 75%.</p> <p>This qualification cannot be used to gain entry to a three year undergraduate degree.</p>	<b>REFER TO APPENDIX B</b>
<b>Romania</b>	<p><b>Diploma de Bacalaureat</b> The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry, HND entry and entry onto a three year degree. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p>	<b>REFER TO APPENDIX C</b>
<b>Russia</b>	<p><b>Certificate of Secondary Education</b> This qualification will be accepted only for foundation entry with a grade of 3/satisfactory.</p> <p>This qualification cannot be used to gain entry to a three year undergraduate degree or a HND.</p> <p><b>Completion of year 1 at a State University or Non-State Higher Professional Institute</b> The University does not accept this qualification for foundation or HND entry.</p> <p>The University will accept this qualification on its own for entry onto a three year degree. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p>	<b>REFER TO APPENDIX B</b>
<b>Saudi Arabia</b>	<p><b>Tawjihiya (General Secondary Education Certificate)</b> This qualification will be accepted only for foundation and HND entry with a minimum of 75%.</p> <p>This qualification cannot be used to gain entry to a three year undergraduate degree.</p>	<b>REFER TO APPENDIX B</b>
<b>Singapore</b>	<p><b>Singapore A Levels</b> The University will accept these qualifications on their own for foundation entry, HND entry and entry onto a three year degree. The grades required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p>	<b>REFER TO APPENDIX B</b>
<b>Slovakia</b>	<p><b>Maturitna Skuska; Maturita; Vysvedcenie o Maturitnej Skuske</b> The University will accept these qualifications on their own for foundation entry, HND entry and entry onto a three year degree. The grades required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p>	<b>STANDARD SSU REQUIREMENTS</b>

<b>Slovenia</b>	<p><b>Matura; Maturitetno spricevalo</b> The University will accept these qualifications on their own for foundation entry, HND entry and entry onto a three year degree. The grades required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p>	<b>STANDARD SSU REQUIREMENTS</b>
<b>South Korea</b>	<p><b>High School Diploma</b> This qualification will be accepted for foundation entry only with a minimum of 70%.</p> <p>This qualification cannot be used to gain entry to a three year undergraduate degree or a HND.</p> <p><b>Junior College Degree</b> The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation, HND and most degree courses with a Pass grade.</p> <p>This qualification is accepted for entry onto three year degree for courses which have an entry requirement of up to 260 points (inclusive). This qualification is not accepted for entry onto three year degree courses where entry requirement is set at 280 tariff points or above.</p>	<b>REFER TO APPENDIX B</b>
<b>Spain</b>	<p><b>Titulo de Bachillerato</b> The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry, HND entry and entry onto a three year degree. The grades required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p> <p><b>Selectividad Curso de Orientacion Universitaria (COU)</b> The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry, HND entry and entry onto a three year degree. The grades required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p>	<b>STANDARD SSU REQUIREMENTS</b>
<b>St Kitts</b>	<p><b>CAPE / A Levels</b> The University will accept these qualifications on their own for foundation entry, HND entry and entry onto a three year degree. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p>	<b>REFER TO APPENDIX A</b>
<b>St Lucia</b>	<p><b>CAPE / A Levels</b> The University will accept these qualifications on their own for foundation entry, HND entry and entry onto a three year degree. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p>	<b>REFER TO APPENDIX A</b>
<b>Sweden</b>	<p><b>Slutbetyg fran Gymnasieskolan</b> The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry, HND entry and entry onto a three year degree. The grades required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p> <p><b>Komvux; Avgangsbetyg</b> The University will accept this qualification on its own for foundation entry, HND entry and entry onto a three year degree. The grades required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p>	<b>REFER TO APPENDIX C</b>
<b>Switzerland</b>	<p><b>Certificat de Maturite / Federal Maturity Certificate / Maturitatsausweis / Baccalaureat / Attestato di Maturita</b> The University will accept these qualifications on their own for foundation entry, HND entry and entry onto a three year degree. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p>	<b>REFER TO APPENDIX C</b>
<b>Taiwan</b>	<p><b>Senior High School Certificate/Vocational High School Certificate</b> This qualification will be accepted for foundation entry only with a Pass.</p> <p>This qualification cannot be used to gain entry to a three year undergraduate degree or a HND.</p>	<b>REFER TO APPENDIX B</b>
<b>Thailand</b>	<p><b>Mathayom (MAW) 5</b> This qualification will be accepted for foundation entry only with a GPA of 3.0.</p>	<b>REFER TO APPENDIX B</b>

	<p>This qualification cannot be used to gain entry to a three year undergraduate degree or a HND.</p> <p><b>Mathayom (MAW) 6</b> This qualification will be accepted for foundation entry only with a GPA of 2.5.</p> <p>This qualification cannot be used to gain entry to a three year undergraduate degree or a HND.</p> <p><b>Completion of first year of University study</b> The University does not accept this qualification for foundation entry.</p> <p>The University will accept this qualification on its own for entry onto a three year degree. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p>	
<b>Trinidad and Tobago</b>	<p><b>CAPE / A Levels</b> The University will accept these qualifications on their own for foundation entry, HND entry and entry onto a three year degree. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p>	<b>REFER TO APPENDIX A</b>
<b>Turkey</b>	<p><b>Lise Bitirme Diplomasi</b> The University will accept this qualification for entry onto a foundation, HND or three year degree. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course with the lowest tariff courses requiring 3.0 or 70%.</p> <p>If an applicant has scored 2.5 or 50% in this qualification, they would be considered for entry onto a three year degree if they have also completed one year at a recognised Turkish university.</p> <p><b>Devlet Lise Diplomasi</b> The University will accept this qualification for entry onto a three year degree. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course with the lowest tariff courses requiring 3.0 or 70%.</p> <p>If an applicant has scored 2.5 or 50% in this qualification, they would be considered for entry onto a three year degree if they have also completed one year at a recognised Turkish university.</p>	<b>REFER TO APPENDIX B</b>
<b>USA</b>	<p><b>High School Diploma</b> This qualification will be accepted for foundation entry only with a GPA of 2.75.</p> <p>This qualification cannot be used to gain entry to a three year undergraduate degree or a HND.</p> <p><b>High School Diploma + SAT 1 (Reasoning Test)</b> The University does not accept these qualifications together for foundation or HND entry.</p> <p>The University will accept these qualifications together for entry onto a three year degree. The grade required will depend on the specific entry requirements for the course.</p> <p><b>High School Diploma + SAT Subject Test</b> The University does not accept these qualifications together for foundation or HND entry.</p> <p>The University will accept these qualifications together for entry onto a three year degree. Applicants will be required to achieve 3.0 in the High School Diploma and a minimum of 550 in a relevant subject.</p>	<b>REFER TO APPENDIX A</b>

	<p><b>High School Diploma + ACT</b> The University does not accept these qualifications together for foundation or HND entry.</p> <p>The University will accept these qualifications together for entry onto a three year degree. Applicants will be required to achieve 3.0 in the High School Diploma and an overall ACT of 24.</p> <p><b>High School Diploma + AP</b> The University does not accept these qualifications together for foundation or HND entry.</p> <p>The University will accept these qualifications together for entry onto a three year degree. Applicants will be required to achieve 3.0 in the High School Diploma and a minimum of Grade 3 in two relevant subjects.</p> <p><b>One year of Community College</b> The University does not accept this qualification for foundation or HND entry.</p> <p>The University will accept these qualifications together for entry onto a three year degree. Applicants will be required to achieve a GPA of 2.75.</p>	
<p><b>Vietnam</b></p>	<p><b>Upper Secondary School Graduation Diploma</b> This qualification will be accepted for foundation entry only with a minimum of 60%.</p> <p>This qualification cannot be used to gain entry to a three year undergraduate degree or a HND.</p>	<p><b>REFER TO APPENDIX B</b></p>



## APPENDIX A: EXEMPTIONS AND EXCEPTIONS

11. Under current UKVI regulations, an exemption is provided for applicants who are nationals of 'Majority English Speaking Countries' from having to provide evidence of English proficiency when applying for a Visa. These exemptions will also be sufficient to meet SSU's English Entry Requirement, though applicants should have completed the equivalent of GCSE Grades A-C in English in order to meet the requirement of GCSE level literacy. Please contact the Admissions and Enrolment team for assistance in making this determination if required.

12. As per the current Immigration Rules, the list of 'Majority English Speaking Countries' is:

- Antigua and Barbuda
- Australia
- the Bahamas
- Barbados
- Belize
- Canada
- Dominica
- Grenada
- Guyana
- Jamaica
- New Zealand
- St Kitts and Nevis
- St Lucia
- St Vincent and the Grenadines
- Trinidad and Tobago
- the USA

13. Nationals of the UK and Republic of Ireland do not require a Tier 4 (General) Student Visa, and therefore are not included in the list above.

14. If an applicant has completed a qualification recognised by NARIC to be equivalent to a Bachelor's Degree in English from any of the countries listed below, they are also exempt from having to provide additional evidence of their English level to meet either SSU or the UKVI's English Entry requirement.

- Antigua and Barbuda
- Australia
- the Bahamas
- Barbados
- Belize
- Dominica
- Grenada
- Guyana
- Ireland
- Jamaica
- New Zealand
- St Kitts and Nevis
- St Lucia
- St Vincent and the Grenadines
- Trinidad and Tobago
- United Kingdom
- the USA

15. If an applicant has completed a qualification recognised by NARIC to be equivalent to a Bachelor's Degree in English from Canada, they must provide evidence from the awarding university to confirm that the degree was taught and assessed in English. They are then exempt from having to provide additional evidence of their English level to meet SSU's English Entry requirement.

16. Where a Bachelor's degree from an English speaking country is older than two years and the administrator has well founded doubt about the applicant's potential to succeed on his/her SSU degree course, further assessment measures should be taken

and the applicant could be asked to provide further evidence of his/her English language skills. Such cases should be referred to the Admissions Manager.

17. Applicants who have successfully completed a Bachelor's degree with a minimum classification of 2.2 (or equivalent) taught and assessed in the medium of English throughout their studies from countries not listed above may not need to provide additional evidence of English proficiency if:
  - The degree is considered comparable to at least a UK Bachelor's degree classification 2.2
  - Graduation took place within the 2 years prior to the SSU course start
  - The applicant can provide confirmation from the awarding university that the degree has been taught and assessed in the medium of English. If in doubt, refer to the Admissions Manager for further advice.
  
18. SSU has determined that applicants who successfully complete a Top Up programme or similar are also exempt provided they complete it in one of the countries listed in point 2 of this section and that NARIC agrees that a student graduating with the qualification in question is UK Bachelor's Degree equivalent.

## APPENDIX B: ACCEPTABLE ENGLISH LANGUAGE QUALIFICATIONS FOR STUDENTS REQUIRING A TIER 4 (GENERAL) STUDENT VISA (NON-UK/EU)

19. The column details English language qualifications accepted by the University and the grade required for equivalence to IELTS Academic 6.0. Where a qualification's lowest passing grade is equivalent to a higher IELTS band this is specified. **All qualifications must be assessed to ensure that all four components of speaking, listening, reading and writing meet the minimum grade requirements.**
20. The table below indicates what will be accepted for Tier 4 applicants. These applicants must meet the Home Office English language proficiency requirements for visa purposes, to which the University standards are aligned. Tier 4 applicants are advised that:
  - a. For degree level courses at NQF 6 and above, The Home Office require CEFR B2 equivalent (IELTS 5.5) in all components (reading, listening, writing and speaking). As a Tier 4 Sponsor, for degree level and above the University is able to use its own methods of assessment to evidence language proficiency. This includes the University's internal English Language test Password, PTE Academic (Pearson), Cambridge ESOL and IB.
  - b. For sub-degree courses the Home Office require CEFR B1 equivalent (IELTS 4.0) in all four components, This must be evidenced via a Home Office recognised Secure English Language Test (SELT) - IELTS taken around the world and Trinity College ISE level 2 & 3 taken in the UK only.
  - c. All non-specified courses/awards below NQF 3-5 require minimum language entry at CEFR B1 in all four components e.g. IELTS: 4.0 in all elements.
21. Tests used must be within their validity date for visa purposes - this is typically for two years. All SSU internal test have two year's validity at date of student application.
22. Where international qualifications are accepted for the reading and writing components only, the University can conduct an assessment via Skype to confirm the applicants speaking and listening ability are at the appropriate level.
23. The University's English Language internal assessment Password can be used for EU/EEA markets for foundation, degree level and above. Where this is not a viable option, for this cycle, the University's offline internal test will be used. Where Password is not a viable option (i.e. no online access), for this cycle, the University's offline internal test may be used. This applies to EU/EEA markets and for degree level and above for Tier 4 applicants.
24. Please see Home Office Secure English Language Tests (SELT) list for what paperwork is required for tests taken after 6 April 2015  
[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/608696/2017-04-13\\_-\\_Approved\\_Secure\\_English\\_Language\\_Tests\\_and\\_Test\\_Centres\\_-\\_Website.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/608696/2017-04-13_-_Approved_Secure_English_Language_Tests_and_Test_Centres_-_Website.pdf)
25. The Annex is influenced by the Governments' immigration regulations for a Tier 4 applicant. Thus, is subject to change throughout the admissions cycle.

Qualification	Grade Required for Equivalence
CAMBRIDGE ESOL Certificate in Advanced English (CAE)	<p>Grades A - C</p> <p>Grade C is equivalent to CEFR C1 = IELTS 7.0</p> <p>Source: <a href="http://www.cambridgeesol.org/about/standards/cefr.html">http://www.cambridgeesol.org/about/standards/cefr.html</a></p> <p><b>NOTE: scores must be verified. Contact the Admissions and Enrolment team for verification as login is required.</b></p>
CAMBRIDGE ESOL Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE)	<p>Grades A - C</p> <p>Grade C is equivalent to CEFR C2 = IELTS 8.0</p> <p>Source: <a href="http://www.cambridgeesol.org/about/standards/cefr.html">http://www.cambridgeesol.org/about/standards/cefr.html</a></p> <p><b>NOTE: scores must be verified. Contact the Admissions and Enrolment team for verification as login is required.</b></p>
CAMBRIDGE ESOL Business English Certificate 3 (BEC HIGHER)	<p>Grades A - C</p> <p>Grade C is equivalent to CEFR C1 = IELTS 7.0</p> <p>Source: <a href="http://www.cambridgeesol.org/about/standards/cefr.html">http://www.cambridgeesol.org/about/standards/cefr.html</a></p> <p><b>NOTE: scores must be verified. Contact the Admissions and Enrolment team for verification as login is required.</b></p>
CAMBRIDGE IGCSE O-Level in English Language  Syllabuses: 1119 - Malaysia 1120 - Brunei 1123 - (Replaces syllabus 1115) - various countries. 1125 & 1126 - Mauritius 1127 - Singapore	<p>Grade C = IELTS 6.0 overall            Grade B = IELTS 6.5 overall            Grade A = IELTS 7.0 overall</p> <p>Source:  <a href="http://www.cie.org.uk/qualifications/academic/uppersec/alevel/recognition">http://www.cie.org.uk/qualifications/academic/uppersec/alevel/recognition</a>  <a href="http://www.cie.org.uk/docs/recognition/UK%20Admissions%20factsheet%202010.pdf">http://www.cie.org.uk/docs/recognition/UK%20Admissions%20factsheet%202010.pdf</a></p> <p><b>NOTE: syllabus available on website.</b></p>
CAMBRIDGE International Examinations AS Level English Literature	<p>A - C</p> <p>Source:  <a href="http://www.cie.org.uk/qualifications/academic/uppersec/alevel/recognition">http://www.cie.org.uk/qualifications/academic/uppersec/alevel/recognition</a>  <a href="http://www.cie.org.uk/docs/recognition/UK%20Admissions%20factsheet%202010.pdf">http://www.cie.org.uk/docs/recognition/UK%20Admissions%20factsheet%202010.pdf</a></p> <p><b>NOTE: syllabus available on website.</b></p>
CAMBRIDGE - IGCSE English - FIRST LANGUAGE (Syllabus 0500)  Syllabus 0522 may also be accepted on referral to the Admissions Manager.	<p>A - C</p> <p>Grade C = IELTS 6.0-6.5 overall            Grade B = IELTS 7.0 overall</p> <p>Source:  <a href="http://www.cie.org.uk/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-secondary-2/cambridge-igcse/recognition/">http://www.cie.org.uk/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-secondary-2/cambridge-igcse/recognition/</a></p> <p><b>NOTE: Listening and Speaking components are graded separately as follows:            Listening: Grades 1, 2 and 3 are acceptable only            Speaking: Grades 1 and 2 are acceptable only</b></p> <p><b>If component scores for all four skills cannot be seen on the certificate, the applicant must request a "Certifying Statement of CEFR" from Cambridge</b></p>
CAMBRIDGE IGCSE English - SECOND	<p>A - C</p> <p>C = IELTS 6.0-6.5</p>

<p>LANGUAGE (Syllabus 0511) Syllabus 0510 may also be accepted on referral to the Admissions Manager</p>	<p>B= IELTS 6.0-6.5 A = IELTS 6.5-7.0 overall</p> <p><b>NOTE: Listening grade must always be a minimum Grade A. If Listening score is lower than an A, this qualification cannot be accepted. If component scores for all four skills cannot be seen on the certificate, the applicant must request a “Certifying Statement of CEFR” from Cambridge</b> <a href="http://www.cie.org.uk/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-secondary-2/cambridge-igcse/recognition/">http://www.cie.org.uk/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-secondary-2/cambridge-igcse/recognition/</a></p>
<p>EDEXCEL: IGCSE in English (Specification A) -SECOND LANGUAGE</p>	<p>A - C Grade B = IELTS 6.5 overall Grade A = IELTS 7.0 overall</p> <p>Source: <a href="http://www.edexcel.com/quals/igcse/igcse09/eng/eng-langa/Pages/default.aspx">http://www.edexcel.com/quals/igcse/igcse09/eng/eng-langa/Pages/default.aspx</a></p> <p>Assessment materials available on website.</p> <p><b>NOTE: Two routes are offered, Coursework or Examination. The Examination option of Specification B does not test speaking or listening, so will not be acceptable for entry to SSU.</b></p>
<p>UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION YEAR - EF INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE CENTRES</p>	<p>NQF 3 - 5 - English 60% with no less than 55% in each component NQF 6 &amp; 7 - English 60% with no less than 55% in each component (or HEI own assessment)</p>
<p>HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL CERTIFICATE (HSSC) - YEAR 12 INDIA</p>	<p>NQF 6 - 6.0 overall with a minimum of 5.5 in each component NQF 7 - 6.5 overall with a minimum of 6.0 in writing and a minimum of 5.5 in reading, listening and speaking.</p>
<p>HONG KONG DIPLOMA OF SECONDARY EDUCATION (HKSDE) English language examination</p>	<p>Grade 4 = 6.0-6.5 IELTS Grade 5 = 7.0 IELTS</p> <p><b>NOTE: No less than grade 4 in any component</b> Source: <a href="http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/recognition/benchmarking/hkdse/ielts/">http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/recognition/benchmarking/hkdse/ielts/</a></p>
<p>IELTS (Academic)</p>	<p>NQF 3 - 4.5 overall with a minimum of 4.5 in each individual component NQF 3-5 - 5.5 overall with a minimum of 5.0 in each individual component NQF 6 - 6.0 overall with a minimum of 5.5 in each individual component NQF 7 - 6.5 overall with a minimum of 6.0 in writing and a minimum of 5.5 in reading, listening and speaking.</p> <p><b>NOTE: scores must be verified. Contact the Admissions and Enrolment team for verification as login is required.</b></p> <p><b>Test validity: 2 years</b></p> <p><b>Only IELTS (Academic) is acceptable for entry to SSU. IELTS (General) is not acceptable.</b></p> <p>Source: <a href="http://www.ielts.org/researchers/common_european_framework.aspx">http://www.ielts.org/researchers/common_european_framework.aspx</a></p>
<p>India Standard XII Boards recognised: Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) Indian Certificate of Secondary Education (ICSE)</p>	<p>65% = IELTS 6.0 overall 70% = IETLS 6.5 overall 75% = IELTS 7.0 overall</p> <p><b>NOTE: English must be taken as a ‘core’ module (CBSE Code 301). Functional English (101) and Elective English (001) not accepted.</b></p>
<p>INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA</p>	<p>NQF 6 &amp; 7 - English A1: Literature/ Language and Literature Grade 5 = IELTS 6.0-7.0</p>

<p><b>(For UKVI degree level &amp; above)</b></p> <p>English from Subject Group A or B (this includes English Literature)</p>	<p>Grade 6 = IELTS 7.5</p> <p>NQF 6 &amp; 7 - English B (Language) Grade 5 Standard Level: Grade 5 = IELTS 6.0-6.5 Grade 6 = IELTS 7.0</p> <p>Source: <a href="http://www.ibo.org/recognition/resources/curriculum/">http://www.ibo.org/recognition/resources/curriculum/</a></p> <p><b>NOTE: English 'ab initio' is a beginner's English language course and should not be Accepted for all markets.</b></p>
<p>INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE</p> <p><b>(Accepted for all markets. For UKVI degree level &amp; above)</b></p>	<p>NQF 6 &amp; 7 - English A1, A2: Literature/ Language and Literature</p> <p>NQF 7 - English A1, A2 or B Grade 4 (Language) Grade 5 Standard Level: Grade 5 = IELTS 6.0-6.5 Grade 6 = IELTS 7.0</p>
<p>INTO Pre-sessional English/Pre-Master's English*FOUNDATION/ *DIPLOMA/ *GRADUATE DIPLOMA.</p> <p>INTO English Language Assessment (IELA)</p>	<p>NQF 3 - 5 - INTO Newcastle - English 60% with no less than 55% in each component (INU1001/INY1102)</p> <p>NQF 6 &amp; 7 - English 60% with no less than 55% in each component (INU1001/INY1102) (HEI own assessment)</p> <p>Listening and Reading: 60%-65% = IELTS 6.0-6.5 66%-74% = IELTS 6.5-7.0 75%-89% = IELTS 7.0-8.0</p> <p>Writing and Speaking: B2= IELTS 6.0-6.5 C1= IELTS 7.0</p> <p><b>NOTE: Results on these courses should be carefully checked to ensure English language scores are reported, not simply overall course score. The grading system might differ depending on the provider institution.</b></p>
<p>KAPLAN Pre-Sessional English Qualification (all UK KIC providers)</p>	<p>60% overall = IELTS 6.0 overall 65% overall = IELTS 6.5 overall 70% overall = IELTS 7.0 overall</p> <p>NQF 6 &amp; 7 - HEI own assessment</p> <p><b>NOTE: No less than 55% in any component</b></p>
<p>LCCI - London Chamber of Commerce and Industry - INTERNATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS</p> <p>JETSET</p>	<p>Level 6 = IELTS 6.0-6.5 overall Level 7 = IELTS 7.0-8.0</p> <p>Source: <a href="http://www.lcci.org.uk/documents/EnglishLanguageQualifications_001.pdf">http://www.lcci.org.uk/documents/EnglishLanguageQualifications_001.pdf</a></p> <p><b>NOTE: syllabus topics and assessment outline available on website</b></p>
<p>LCCI - International Qualifications English Language Skills Assessment (ELSA)</p>	<p>440 - 500 overall</p> <p>Listening: minimum score of 199/250 Reading: minimum score of 184/250 Speaking: minimum level Advanced Writing II: minimum level of 4 compares to IELTS Writing 5.5-6.5                   minimum level of 5 compares to IELTS Writing 7.0 or above</p> <p>Source: <a href="http://www.lcci.org.uk/documents/EnglishLanguageQualifications_001.pdf">http://www.lcci.org.uk/documents/EnglishLanguageQualifications_001.pdf</a></p> <p><b>NOTE: Applicants must take the Writing II component of the exam Writing I is not accepted</b></p>

NECO - National Examinations Council (West Africa)	C6 = IELTS 6.0 overall C5 = IELTS 6.5 overall B3 = IELTS 7.0 overall
PASSWORD	<p>NQF 3 - 4.5 overall with a minimum of 4.5 in each individual component NQF 3-5 - 5.5 overall with a minimum of 5.0 in each individual component NQF 6 - 6.0 overall with a minimum of 5.5 in each individual component NQF 7 - 6.5 overall with a minimum of 6.0 in writing and a minimum of 5.5 in reading, listening and speaking.</p> <p><b>NOTE: Password is accepted for all markets and is the preferred SSU internal test. For UKVI degree level &amp; above</b></p>
PEARSON TEST OF ENGLISH (PTE) - Academic	<p>NQF 6 - Average score of 56 with a minimum of 51 in each component NQF 7 - Average score of 61 with a minimum of 56 in writing and a minimum of 51 in reading, listening and speaking</p> <p><b>NOTE: scores must be verified. Contact the Admissions and Enrolment team for verification as login is required.</b></p> <p><b>(Accepted for all markets. For UKVI degree level &amp; above)</b></p> <p><b>Test validity: 2 years</b></p>
SSU INTERNAL TEST	<p>6.0 = IELTS 6.0 overall 6.5 = IELTS 6.5 overall</p> <p><b>NOTE: The SSU Internal Test is accepted for all markets where Password is not available.</b></p>
Trinity College London (Integrated Skills in English - ISE) <b>(Accepted for all markets for degree level and above. For UKVI taken in UK centres only)</b>	<p>NQF Level 6 - ISE II Pass in each component must achieve a Pass</p> <p>NQF Level 7 - ISE III Pass = IELTS 7.0-8.0 overall Each component will be graded as follows: Pass = IELTS 7.0 Merit = IELTS 7.5 Distinction =IELTS 8.0</p> <p><b>NOTE: No less than “Pass” in any component</b></p> <p><b>Test validity: for UK immigration purposes, the tests are valid for 2 years only</b></p> <p><b>Scores must be verified. Email: <a href="mailto:verification@trinitycollege.com">verification@trinitycollege.com</a> and include the following information:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name of candidate</li> <li>• Name of qualification(eg. Trinity ISE II)</li> <li>• Order and candidate numbers (two long numbers at the bottom of the certificate)</li> </ul>
TOEFL IBT	<p>NQF Level 6 - 80 with a minimum of 20 in each component NQF Level 7 - 92 with a minimum of 22 in writing and a minimum of 20 in reading in each component</p> <p>Overall scores: 80 = IELTS 6.0 90 = IELTS 6.5 95 = IELTS 7.0</p> <p><b>NOTE: Tests are valid for a duration of 2 years. All results must be verified online at:</b></p>

	<a href="https://toefl-registration.ets.org/TOEFLWeb/extISERLogonPrompt.do">https://toefl-registration.ets.org/TOEFLWeb/extISERLogonPrompt.do</a>
West African Senior Secondary Certificate of Education (WASSCE), from the West African Examinations Council (WAEC)	C6 = IELTS 6.0 overall C5 = IELTS 6.5 overall B3 = IELTS 7.0 overall



## APPENDIX C: EUROPEAN SCHOOL LEAVING/MATRICULATION CERTIFICATES EQUIVALENT TO IELTS (ACADEMIC) 6.0 OVERALL

26. Students may have to show evidence of more recent knowledge of English if their qualification is over two years old and they have not been in a situation in which they can keep abreast of the language.
27. Though such cases would be very rare, non-EU applicants who require a Tier 4 (General) Student Visa that present a qualification listed in this section as the basis of the proof of their English proficiency will need to also complete a qualification listed in Appendix B above.

Qualification	Minimum Grade Required for Equivalence
IELTS (Academic)	6.0 overall with minimum 5.5 in all test components 6.5 overall with minimum 5.5 in all test components  <b>NOTE: scores must be verified. Contact the Admissions and Enrolment team for verification as login is required.</b>  Test validity: 2 years  Only IELTS (Academic) is acceptable for entry to SSU. IELTS (General) is not acceptable.  Source: <a href="http://www.ielts.org/researchers/common_european_framework.aspx">http://www.ielts.org/researchers/common_european_framework.aspx</a>
Austrian qualifications MATURA/REIFEPRUFUNG	2 (gut) in English when both written and oral exams taken 2 (gut) = IELTS 6.5 overall 1 (sehr gut) = IELTS 7.0 or above
Belgian qualifications GETUIGSCHRIFT VAN HOGER SECUNDAIR ONDERWIJS / CERTIFICAT D'ENSEIGNEMENT SECONDAIRE SUPERIEUR	8 / 80% / grote onderscheiding / grande distinction in English 8 (80%) = IELTS 6.5 overall 9 (90%) = IELTS 7.0 or above
Danish qualifications STUDENTEREKSAMEN / HØJERE FORBEREDELSE- EKSAMEN	7 in English (levels A or B) 7 = IELTS 6.5 overall 10 = IELTS 7.0 overall
Dutch qualifications VOORBEREIDEND WETENSCHAPPELIJK ONDERWIJS (VWO) DIPLOMA	7 (goed) in English 8 = IELTS 6.5 overall 9 = IELTS 7.0 overall
Estonian Qualifications RIIGIEKSAMITUNNISTUS	B2 = IELTS 6.0 overall C1 = IELTS 6.5 overall C2 = IELTS 7.0 overall
EUROPEAN BACCALAUREATE - Language 1	Grade 6 = IELTS 6.0-6.5 Grade 7 = IELTS 7.0+  Source: <a href="https://www.education.gov.uk/publications/eOrderingDownload/DCSF-Euro_Baccalaureate.pdf">https://www.education.gov.uk/publications/eOrderingDownload/DCSF-Euro_Baccalaureate.pdf</a>

EUROPEAN BACCALAUREATE - Language 2	Grade 7 = IELTS 6.0-6.5 Grade 8 = IELTS 7.0  Source: <a href="https://www.education.gov.uk/publications/eOrderingDownload/DCSF-Euro_Baccalaureate.pdf">https://www.education.gov.uk/publications/eOrderingDownload/DCSF-Euro_Baccalaureate.pdf</a>
Finnish qualifications YLIPPILASTUTKINTO / STUDENTEXAMEN	Minimum 5 in the magna cum laude approbatur, in English in Matriculation exam 5 = IELTS 6.0 overall 4 = IELTS 6.5 overall 6 (Eximia cum laude approbatur) = IELTS 7.0 overall
French qualifications BACCALAUREAT DE L'ENSEIGNEMENT DU SECOND DEGRE BACCALAUREAT (INTERNATIONAL OPTION) (OIB)	14 (bien) in English, where the co-efficient applied to the subject is greater than 1. 11 may be acceptable in some cases 14 = IELTS 6.5 overall 16 = IELTS 7.0 overall 12 in OIB = IELTS overall 6.0-6.5 14 in OIB = IELTS overall 7.0+
German qualifications ABITUR FACHHOCHSCHULREIFE	10 (gut) in English when taken as main/intensive course 10 = IELTS 6.5 overall 12 = IELTS 7.0 or above  2 (gut) in English for Fachhochschulreife 2 (gut) = IELTS 6.0-6.5 overall 1 (sehr gut) = IELTS 7.0 or above
Greek Qualifications AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR MICHIGAN PROFIENCY	GPA 3 or Grade C (American High School) = IELTS 6.0 overall  Pass (Michigan) = IELTS 6.0 overall
Hungarian Qualifications ERETTSEGI / MATURA	Grade 4 = IELTS 6.0 overall
Icelandic qualifications STUDENTSPROF MATRICULATION EXAM	8 in English when taken as a compulsory language 8 = IELTS 6.5 overall 10 = IELTS 7.0 overall
Irish qualifications GCE O-LEVEL ENGLISH	Grade C or above
Latvian Qualifications ATESTATS	8 = IELTS 6.0 overall
Luxembourg qualifications EXAMEN DE FIN D'ETUDES SECONDAIRES	40 (bien) = IELTS 6.0 overall 48 = IELTS 6.5 overall 52 = IELTS 7.0 overall
Lithuanian qualification MATURA STATE ENGLISH EXAMINATION	65% or 8/10 = IELTS 6.0 overall 70% or 9/10 = IELTS 6.5+ overall
Norwegian qualifications VITNEMAL - VIDEREGAENDE OPPLAERING	4 in English 4 = IELTS 6.5 overall 5 = IELTS 7.0 overall
Polish qualification Advanced New Level Matura	60% = IELTS 5.5 overall 65 % = IELTS 6.0 overall

Romanian Qualifications DIPLOMA DE BACLAUREAT	B2 = IELTS 6.0 overall C1 = IELTS 6.5 overall C2 = IELTS 7.0 overall
SQA - Intermediate II ESOL	Grade C = IELTS 6.0 overall Grade B = IELTS 6.5 overall
Swedish qualifications AVGANGSBETYG OR SLUTBETYG	VG (val godkant) or C in English. VG = IELTS 6.5 overall MVG = IELTS 7.0 overall
Swiss qualifications MATURITATZEUGNIS / CERTIFICAT DE MATURITE / ATTESTATO DE MATURITA - Federal maturity certificate or the federally-recognised cantonal maturity certificate	5 (gut/bien/bene) in English 5 = IELTS 6.5 overall 6 = IELTS 7.0 overall