



ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY:

BA (Hons) Filmmaking, MA Filmmaking and MA Screenwriting

If you're an international student applying for one of our BA or MA programmes, you'll need to provide proof of English language proficiency. This is to ensure that you meet both the academic and UKVI requirements.

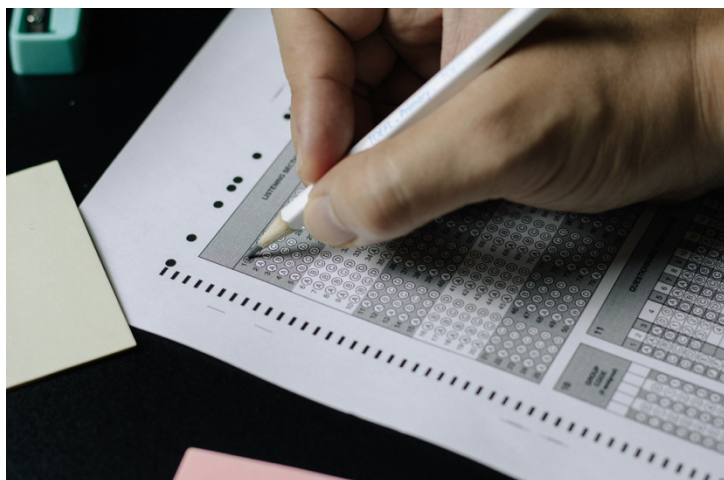
For international students, we accept the [IELTS ACADEMIC](#) qualification (minimum IELTS score of 6.0 with no less than 5.5 in each band).

PREPARING FOR THE IELTS ACADEMIC TEST

We understand preparing for the IELTS can be quite intense. We've put together a short guide to help you get started. Below you'll find a simple breakdown of what to expect in the IELTS test and some practical tips to make your preparation easier.

Before the test:

- Understand the test format, question types, and timing for each section.
- Identify your strengths and areas for improvement in grammar, vocabulary, and the four key skills.
- Create a study plan that helps you focus on your weaker areas aiming to improve your overall English ability.
- Use [official practice materials](#), books, and free online resources (including videos and [apps](#) from the [IELTS website](#)) to support your preparation.
- Take timed [practice tests](#) to build your confidence and become familiar with the test conditions.



THE IELTS ACADEMIC TEST - COMPONENTS

The IELTS Academic test is divided into four sections, **listening, reading, writing and speaking**. There are 40 questions in both the listening and reading components.

LISTENING (approx. 30 mins) <https://ielts.org/take-a-test/test-types/ielts-academic-test/ielts-academic-format-listening>

In the listening component you'll go through four sections with a total of 40 questions this will consist of everyday conversations.

- Read the questions before each recording so you know exactly what to listen for
- Highlight the keywords in the options given to you
- Practice with headphones to get used to different sounds
- Don't panic if you miss an answer, just move on to the next question

READING – (approx. 60 mins) <https://ielts.org/take-a-test/test-types/ielts-academic-test/ielts-academic-format-reading>

You'll read a total of three passages; timing is key here so aim to spend around 20 minutes per passage.

- Skim for the general idea, then scan for the specific details
- Practice "true, false and not given" questions as they're the common ones
- Start with easier questions such as fill in the blanks to grab the easy points

WRITING (approx. 60 mins) <https://ielts.org/take-a-test/test-types/ielts-academic-test/ielts-academic-format-writing>

In this section you will complete two writing tasks.

- Task 1 will consist of you writing **at least 150 words**, describing graphs, maps or charts
- Task 2 will consist of you writing a **minimum of 250 words**, expressing your opinion and discussing a topic

It's best to prioritise this task as it carries more weight. Try to structure your essay into four clear points, an introduction, and the main points followed by the conclusion.

SPEAKING (approx. 11-14 Minutes) - <https://ielts.org/take-a-test/test-types/ielts-academic-test/ielts-academic-format-speaking>

The speaking component will be split into three parts and will feel more like an interview. You'll spend 11-14 minutes speaking to an examiner, here's what to expect

- Introduction questions about you and familiar topics
- Cue card - you'll have one minute to prepare and 1-2 minutes to speak
- The examiner will ask opinion-based questions linked to the part 2 topic

When revising for your English proficiency test, take your time to prepare and focus on building confidence in each skill. Consistent practice and preparation will make a difference to your results.