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# Entry requirements for the University of Auckland Certificate in Foundation Studies



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Country specific	Qualification	Foundation Connect	Standard (12 months)	Fast-track (8-9 months)	Accelerated (6 months)
Australia	Year 11		55%	60% OR ATAR 50	ATAR 50 OR greater/ other Australian States maximum 60%/Year 11 - 80%
Bangladesh	HSC	Year 11: 60%	60%	70%	
Bhutan	Year 11 Year 12		60% 50%	65% 55%	
Brazil	Certificade de Ensino Medio		GPA 6.5	GPA 7.0	GPA 7.5
Cambodia	Diploma of Upper Secondary Education	Upper Secondary Schools - Year 2: 80-89%	C	B	
Canada	Year 11 Canadian High School (excluding Quebec) Year 11 Canadian High School Diplomas (excluding Quebec) Year 12		70%	80%	85% 50 or greater
Chile	Chilean Higher Secondary Schooling (Licencia de Educacion Media)	Completion of Colleges & Lyceums - Year 1 (Year 11) with good grades	5	5-5	
China	Senior High School Vocational School	Senior secondary year 1: 70%	Senior 1 and Term 1 of Senior 2-85%* ; Senior Year 2 75% or Senior Year 3-60%	Senior Year 2-80% or Senior Year 3-65%	Senior Year 3-75% in 4 subjects OR Chinese National College Entrance Examinations (Gaokao) - 50 or greater
Colombia	Bachillerator		7	7.5	
Ecuador	Bachillerator	Secondary Schools - Year 2: 7.6	15	16	
Ethiopia	Grade C - Standard Plus		Grade C	Grade A	
Fiji	Year 13 Certificate	Year 11: Top 3 plus English aggregate 180	Year 12: Top 4 aggregate 200	Year 12: Top 4 aggregate 220	Year 13: Top 4 aggregate 220
Hong Kong	Form 5 HKDSE		4 passes	5 passes	4Bs or 4-70% or 4Xs higher to form 5 HKDSE 2,3,3
India	Year 11		70%	Year 11 80% or HSC 55%	India School Certificate or All India Senior School Certificate (10+2)***: at least 55 OR Higher Secondary Examation Grade 12** 60 or greater OR Year 11: 85% or higher
Indonesia	SMA2 (Private school) SMA3 (Government school)		7 (70%), average of 4 subjects 7.5	7.5 (75%), average of 4 subjects - require national exam certificate 8.0 (80%), average of 4 subjects - require national exam certificate	SMA2: an overall average of 8.5/85% or higher from 4 relevant subjects SMA3: an overall average of 6.0/60% or higher from 4 relevant subjects
Iran	Year 11		16/20	18/20	
Japan	Kotogakko/ Upper secondary School Certificate - Year 2 Upper secondary school equivalency Exam ( The Ministry of Education)		Grade 3 average in academic subjects	Grade 3.5 average in academic subjects	Kotogakko / Upper Secondary School Year 3 with superior grades in academic subjects, Kotogakko 2 As and 1B/ Upper Secondary School Year 2 with superior grades in academic subjects -Grade 4 average in academic subjects.
Kazakhstan	Secondary school leaving certificate	Year 10: GPA 4/5	Year 11 GPA 4/5	Year 11 GPA 4/5	
Kenya	KCSE	Completion of Year 11 with good grades	1 B and 3 C grades	3 Bs and 1 C	
Kuwait	Shahadat Al-Thanawaya Al-Aama/ General Secondary School Certificate	Secondary Education - Year 2: 80%	65%	70%	90% in 4 academic subjects
Laos	Completion of Baccalaureate	Completion of Upper secondary Schools - Year 2: 7/10	65%	70%	
Macau	Form 5/ Senior Middle 2 Form 6/ Senior Middle 3		60-65% 56-60%	66-70% 61-65%	70% average of 4 subjects 75% average of 4 subjects
Malaysia	SPM - Forecast/prelim/actual UEC		20 Max of 30	15 across 5 subjects Max of 25	12 across 5 subjects Max of 20
Mexico	Bachillerato	Year 11: 6.0/60%	7.0/70%	7.5/75%	
Mongolia	Certificate of Complete Secondary Education	Certificate of Complete Secondary Education: 4xDs	4Cs	2 Bs and 2 Cs	
Myanmar	BEHS/Matriculation Exam		65%	75%	
Nepal	Higher Secondary Education Certificate	Completion of Year 11 with good grades	65%	75%	
New Zealand **	NCEA	35 credits at level 1 with no fewer than 10 credits in each of 3 subjects including maths	30 credits at NCEA from mixed of level 2 or above with no fewer than 6 credits in each of 3 subjects (combined credits from related subjects) including Mathematics	36 credits at NCEA from mixed of level 2 or above with no fewer than 6 credits in each of 3 subjects (combined credits from related subjects) including Mathematics	48 credits at NCEA from mixed of level 2 and level 3 with no fewer than 10 credits in each of 3 subjects (combined credits from related subjects) including Mathematics
Nigeria	SSCE Exams (West African Education Council WAEC)	Completion of Upper Secondary School - Year 2 with good grades	C	B	
Oman	General Education Diploma		75%	80%	90% in 4 academic subjects
Pakistan	Intermediate/ Higher Secondary School Certificate		65%	75%	
Peru	Certificate of Completed General Secondary Education		15	16	
Philippines	Year 11	Year 11 (Semester 1): 80%	77%	80%	Yr 11 - 85% /Yr 12 - 75%

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Russia	Certificate of Secondary Education (Attestat)		Grade 3 in 5 relevant subjects	1 Grade 3 & 4 Grade 4	1 Grade 5 & 4 Grade 4
Saudi Arabia	Tawjihyah/General Secondary Education Certificate	Secondary Education - Year 2: 80%	75%	80%	90% in 4 academic subjects
Singapore	Singapore O level (or forecast)		28 total or less C5/C6 across 5 subjects; or 22 points across 4 academic subjects	22 total or less B4/C5 across 5 subjects; or 16 points across 4 academic subjects	18 total or less B3/B4 across 5 subjects; or 12 points across 4 academic subjects
South Africa	Year 11		75%	80%	
South Korea	High School High school certificate Year 2 Senior High Year 3 Korean High school graduation equivalency exam (GED)	High school certificate year 1: 70%	65% or Rank 7.0	70% or Rank 6.5	80% Rank 4.5 70% or Rank 5.0 in academic subjects Attain overall 80% average or 70% in academic subject
Sri Lanka	O Level		2 Bs and 2 Cs	4Bs	2 Bs and 2 As
Taiwan	Senior Year 2		70% in 4 relevant subjects	80% in 4 relevant subjects	Year2: 90% or higher OR Year 3 - 75%
Thailand	Matayom 5		2.5	3	Matayom 5: 3.5 OR Matayom 6:2.2
Turkey	Devlet Lise Diplomas/State High School Diploma	Upper Secondary - Year 3: 70/100	Grade 2 in 3 academic subjects	Grade 4 in 2 academic subjects	
Venezuela	Bachillerato	Liceos Bolivarianos/Colegios - Year 4:12 in 4 relevant subjects	14 in 4 relevant subjects	16 in 4 relevant subjects	
Vietnam	Year 11	Year 10: 8.0	6	6.5	Yr 12 -6.0 / Year 11 - 7.0
UAE	Tawjihyah / General Secondary Education Certificate	General Secondary Schools - Year 2:80%	75%	80%	90% in 4 academic subjects
USA	Completion of Year 11 Completion of Year 12 GED	Completion of Year 11 - D/60-69%/GPA:1.0	C/70-79%GPA:2.0 D/60-69%GPA:1.0	B/80-89%GPA: 3.0 C/70-79%GPA:2.0	Year 11: A/90-100/4.0 Year 12: B/80-89%/GPA:3.0 Attain a minimum score of 165 in two relevant subjects and a minimum of 145 in the other two subjects
Uzbekistan	Secondary school leaving certificate		Year 11 - GPA 4/5	Year 12 - GPA 4/6	
Zambia	School Certificate		Grade of 4	Grade of 3	

## International qualifications

Global Assessment Certificate - GAC	Level 2	2.8	3.3
International Baccalaureate - IB	First year of IB diploma	Grade 4 in 4 relevant subjects	1st year - 3 Grade 4 and 1 Grade 5 in 4 relevant subjects 1st year - 2 Grade 4 and 2 x Grade 5 in 4 relevant subjects/ Second year total greater than 16
Cambridge International Examinations O Level/IGCSE/GCSE		2 C grades and 2 D grades in four CIE official subjects	4Cs in four CIE official subjects 18 grade and 3 C grades in four CIE official subjects
Cambridge International Examinations A level		48 UCAS points	60 UCAS points 80 UCAS points
Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT)			Minimum 850 - Students must also submit final year report with above average Grades in 4 academic subjects

## UP Education

Qualification	Foundation Connect	Standard (12 months)	Fast-track (8-9 months)	Accelerated (6 months)
Foundation Preparation Pathway Programme		GPA - 3 academic subjects >50% Pass TSS	GPA - 3 academic subjects >70% Pass TSS	GPA - 3 academic subjects >80% Pass TSS

\* Students who apply for the July intake can do so with the first half of Senior 2 but must continue their study in Term 2. The Admissions Team will request for the final report when it is available.

\*\* Teachers' comments and attendance rate are considered to determine entry. An interview may be applicable if previously study in New Zealand.

# Applies to Maharashtra State Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education, Karnataka Secondary Education Examination Board and West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary Education.

## All other Indian State Boards.

Applications are also assessed on the basis of:

- Current and previous academic reports
- Relevant subjects
- Comments on academic reports
- Attendance rates
- Medical issues

This information is to be used as a guide only to determine entrance.

UP Education reserves the right to change the requirements at any time without prior notice. Please contact us for more information if the standard of your curriculum is now shown above.



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# English requirements for the University of Auckland Certificate in Foundation Studies



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## English Language Requirements

Programme option	IELTS
Accelerated	<b>6.0 and no band less than 5.5</b>
Fast-track	<b>5.5 and no band less than 5.0 (preferred overall score: 6.0)</b>
Standard	<b>5.0 and no band less than 4.5</b>
Foundation Connect	<b>4.5 and no band less than 4</b>
Pathways Link Programme	<b>4.5 and no band less than 4</b>

All students need to provide evidence of their English proficiency upon application.

• If you are an international applicant and your first language is not English, you will need to provide satisfactory evidence of your English proficiency.

• English is considered the first language of citizens of Canada, Ireland, Singapore, the United Kingdom and the United States of America.

• If you are a domestic applicant and your first language is not English, you will be asked to provide evidence of your competence in written and spoken English.

## Accepted Equivalents to IELTS for Fast-track & Standard

	IELTS 4.5	IELTS 5	IELTS 5.5	IELTS 6
TOEFL Internet based (IBT)***	30 (Writing 12)	35 (Writing 14)	46 (Writing 14)	80 (Writing 21)
TOEFL Home Edition (HE)***	30 (Writing 12)	35 (Writing 14) and pass interview	46 (Writing 14) and pass interview	Not Acceptable for Accelerated
New TOEFL IBT Scores Across the 1-6	Overall 2.0 with W:1	Overall 2.5 with W:1.5	Overall 3.5 with W:2	Overall 4 with W:3
University of Cambridge English Examinations	B2 First or B2 First for Schools with a score of 150. No less than 150 in each skill	B2 First or B2 First for Schools with a score of 154. No less than 154 in each skill	B2 First or B2 First for schools with a score of 162. No less than 154 in each skill	B2 First, or B2 First for schools, or C1 Advanced, or C2 Proficiency with a score of 169. No less than 162 in each skill
NZCEL NZ Certificate of English Language	Level 2	Level 3 with an endorsement of General or Applied	Level 4 with an Academic endorsement	Level 4 with an Academic endorsement
Pearson Test - Academic	PTOE (Academic) 24 with no subskills not below: L:19 R:23;S:10;W:10	PTOE (Academic) 31 with no subskills not below: L:26 R:29;S:14;W:17	PTOE (Academic) 39 with no subskills not below: L:33 R:36;S:24;W:29	PTOE (Academic) 47 with no subskills not below: L:40 R:42;S:39;W:41
City and Guilds IESOL		B1 achiever - 43	B2 Communicator - 42	C1 Communicator - 66
Language Certificate		B1 achiever - Pass	B2 Communicator - High Pass	C1 Communicator - Pass
Duolingo English Test	75 - Only accepted for FC	Case by case with exceptional proposal - if acceptable then require 85 overall score and pass spoken interview	Case by case with exceptional proposal - if acceptable then require 95 overall score and pass spoken interview	
<b>Evidence also accepted</b>				
Cambridge Advanced (CAE)		Grade B2	Grade B2	Grade C
Cambridge English Scale Scores		154	162	169
Cambridge English: First	Grade B1	Grade C		
GCE O-Level, IGCSE, GCSE or Oxford GCSE* #	Grade E	Grade D	Grade C	Grade B
GCE A-Level and AS Level* #		Grade E	Grade E	Grade E
Singapore-Cambridge GCE A-Level (H2 level) #				Grade E
Singapore-Cambridge GCE A-Level (H1 level) #				Grade C
Canadian High School final year report	Grade 11 (B)	Grade 12 (C)	Grade 12 (C+)	Grade 12 (B)
USA High School- final year report	Grade 11 - 70%	Grade 11 - 80%	Grade 11 - 90%	Grade 12 - 80 %
IB (English Language A1 or 2 Higher Level)		Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
IB (English Language A1 or 2 Standard Level)		Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
IB (English Language B Higher Level)		Grade 4	Grade 4	Grade 5
Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority HKEAA	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 3	Grade 4
The Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)	B1	B1	B2	B2
University of Auckland English Language Academy	EAP Introduction	EAP Introduction	EAP 1	EAP 2 or EAP 3 (C+ grade)
Victoria University English Proficiency Programme	Minimum of one rating of 4 and three ratings of 3	Minimum of one rating of 4 and three ratings of 3	Minimum of two ratings of 4 and two ratings of 3	Minimum of three ratings of 4 and one rating of 3
Languages International		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
NCEA **		10 Literacy Credits at L2 or higher	10 literacy credits at L2 or higher, 5 reading and 5 writing credits	14 literacy credits at L2 or higher, 7 reading and 7 writing credits
UP English Language Test (UPELT)	UPELT score needs to match the UOA CFS program requirement	UPELT score needs to match the UOA CFS program requirement	UPELT score needs to match the UOA CFS program requirement	UPELT score needs to match the UOA CFS program requirement
UP English School Academic English Level	2	3	4	5

\*GCE O-Level, IGCSE, GCSE or Oxford GCSE results: Schools can elect to have results presented on a 9-1 scale or an A to G grade  
#CIE Relevant subjects: AS/A Level: English Language, Language and Literature in English, Literature in English OR IG Level: English First Language, English Literature  
\*\*NCEA Relevant subjects: L2 or higher. We accept credits from: English or English for Academic Purposes  
\*\*\*Admissions reserve the right to request the student to re-sit a particular section if the subscore is deemed too low.

## Country Specific Qualifications for Fast-track & Standard

We also accept the following country-specific qualifications. We may require you to have achieved a specific score or mark in an approved English-intensive subject within your qualification.

Country	Qualification
Australia	Recognised Year 12 qualification
Canada	Recognised Canadian High School Diploma
Denmark	Studentereksamen
Fiji	Fiji Year 12 Certificate Examination (7th Form)
Finland	Ylioppilastutkinoto, Studentexamen or the Upper Secondary School Certificate
Germany	Abitur or DAAD
Hong Kong	Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)
India	Indian School Certificate (ISC) or All-India Senior School Certificate (AISSC) Year 12 qualifications
Malaysia	STPM
Norway	Vitnemal
Samoa	Foundation English in Foundation Certificate from National University of Samoa

## Other Acceptable English Evidence for Fast-track & Standard

**Evidence of secondary study in English by the student:**

Completion of at least four years of secondary education (being the equivalent of New Zealand secondary school years 9 to 13) at schools where the student was taught using English as the language of instruction.

**Schools:**

For programmes delivered by a registered school - other acceptable evidence as approved by the Head of Admissions may be used for entry.

**UP Education Partner English Language School:**

Evidence of successfully meeting course assessment and graduation requirements at selected NZ Language Schools (NZQA Category One PTEs) who have an agreement with UP Education.

**Exceptional cases:**

After an assessment has been carried out based on academic, attendance & behaviour, there may be occasions where exceptions are allowed based on an exceptional case process. This process is managed by the Head of Admissions.

• If the student is offshore, the Head of Admissions may request a UP Sales Manager to meet with the student and interview them to assess their application quality and motivation. A recommendation will be made on the basis of the interview. This may be done face to face or remotely as appropriate.

• The Entry Requirement Exception Proposal form will then be submitted to Head of Admissions for approval.

## Accepted Equivalents to IELTS for Accelerated

Students considering Accelerated entry must present an approved alternative to the University of Auckland's IELTS requirements instead. To view the list of alternatives, scan the QR code or visit: [www.internationalcollege.ac.nz/entry-requirements](http://www.internationalcollege.ac.nz/entry-requirements)



# UP English Language Test

Learn more about  
UP English Language Test



The UP English Language Test (UPELT) has been developed to provide prospective students with an opportunity to quickly obtain an English language score prior to enrolment into a programme of their choice.

The test is facilitated online by highly qualified and experienced staff. It consists of computer-based, hand-written, and examiner-led tasks. Test description and instructions for test preparation are made available to all prospective candidates in advance, and a practice test is provided. Measures are taken to ensure the integrity of the test.

The UPELT is facilitated every Wednesday afternoon (1pm NZ Standard Time). Bookings can be arranged through the UP Admissions Team, [admissions@up.education](mailto:admissions@up.education).

## UP English Language Test Summary

Part	Tasks	Time (Online)
<b>Reading</b>	<b>3 short passages</b> (approx. 300-400 words each) from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• a textbook chapter or report</li><li>• an academic article or essay</li><li>• an academic abstract</li></ul>	<b>45 minutes</b>
<b>Listening</b>	<b>2 tracks:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• a conversation in an academic setting</li><li>• a part of a lecture</li></ul>	<b>20 minutes</b> <i>(Plus time to record answers)</i>
<b>Writing</b>	<b>1 essay, 220-250 words</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• problem and solution</li><li>• cause and effect</li><li>• advantage and disadvantages</li></ul>	<b>40 minutes</b> <i>(Plus time to upload the essay)</i>
<b>Speaking</b>	<b>2 tasks led by an examiner:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• a conversation on familiar topics</li><li>• a discussion of a topical issue</li></ul>	<b>10 minutes</b> <i>(Plus time for preparation)</i>

### One day before the test, candidates will be sent:

- information about the UPELT and technical requirements
- the test security procedure
- instructions on how to set up the room and desk for the test
- demonstration of how to use two devices with cameras during the test
- login instructions
- a practice test
- a Microsoft Teams link for joining the test