

UTASAccess – Direct Entry Courses Entry Requirements

Direct Entry to Degrees

Successful completion of a Direct Entry course satisfies the English language requirements for ALL University of Tasmania undergraduate, postgraduate and research degrees, including those requiring IELTS 7.0 or higher. For information on entry requirements for all degree courses see:

<http://www.utas.edu.au/international/how-to-apply/entry-requirements/english-language-requirements>

Direct Entry to Foundation Studies

Successful completion of Level 4** will satisfy the minimum English language requirements for the Foundation Studies (Standard) Program at UTAS. For more information see: <http://www.utas.edu.au/foundation-studies>

Meeting one of these Entry Requirements: To calculate total minimum study each Level requires 5 weeks			Provides entry into:
STUDENTS WITH ADMISSION CONDITIONS OF IELTS 6.0 (ALL BANDS 6.0) OR HIGHER, MUST COMPLETE LEVELS 6 AND 7.			LEVEL 7 (entry to degrees: IELTS 6.0 or higher with all required band scores)
IELTS 6.0 (no band less than 5.0)	TOEFL iBT 75 (writing 18)	PTE 50 (no communicative skill below 36)	LEVEL 6 (entry to degrees: IELTS 6.0 with all bands 5.5 only)
IELTS 5.5 (no band less than 5)	TOEFL iBT 46 (writing 14)	PTE 42 (no communicative skill below 36)	LEVEL 5
IELTS 5.0 (no band less than 4.5)	TOEFL iBT 40 (writing 12)	PTE 36 (no communicative skill below 30)	LEVEL 4**
IELTS 4.5 (no band less than 4.5)	TOEFL iBT 34	PTE 30 (no communicative skill below 30)	LEVEL 3
IELTS 4.5 (any band less than 4.5)	TOEFL iBT 32	PTE 30 (no communicative skill below 24)	LEVEL 2
Up to IELTS 4.0	Up to TOEFL iBT 31	Up to PTE 29	LEVEL 1*

*Level 1 is taught at Pre-Intermediate standard. Students with lower scores therefore may take longer to meet progression requirements.

The following Cambridge English Scale results are also accepted:

Level 6: Overall 173, no skill less than 157; Level 5: Overall 165, no skill less than 157; Level 4: Overall 157, no skill less than 150; Level 3: Overall 153, no skill less than 147; Level 2: Overall 147, no skill less than 147; Level 1: Overall 146 or below.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the minimum length I can enrol for as a Direct Entry student?

Most Direct Entry students must complete a minimum enrolment period of 10 weeks at Levels 6 & 7 except students who are able to satisfy admission conditions at the end of Level 6 and who have existing IELTS scores that place them in Level 6 to start their course. In this case enrolment will be 5 weeks. Where exceptional circumstances exist, such as a student who may have an overall IELTS score of 6.5/7.0 but with one band score 0.5 under their requirements, requests for a 5 week enrolment at Level 7 will be considered. Enquiries should be directed through to Admissions and are considered on a case-by-case basis.

If I have already achieved the English requirement for my degree course and want to become familiar with the university or local environment before commencing my course, can I enrol in English study for 5 or 10 weeks?

Yes, 5 or 10 week enrolments are encouraged for anyone who has already met their English entry requirement. This is a great way of making friends and easing into Australian life before commencing tertiary studies. It also allows opportunity to brush-up on English, hone research writing and note-taking for lectures as well as other skills required for success at the tertiary level in Australia.

What score do I need to pass each level?

For each level except Levels 6 and 7, students must achieve a grade of 60% with no skill below 50%. Level 6 requires a grade of 60% with no skill below 55%. For Direct Entry, students in Level 7 need to achieve at the level specified on your degree offer.

What score do I need to achieve Direct Entry?

Direct Entry is achieved by completing Levels 6 and 7 with the required score as set by the Faculty of your chosen UTAS degree course. Students requiring an overall IELTS Band 6.0 with no score less than 5.5 would need an overall Level 6 result of at least 60% with no skill less than 55%. Entry requirements vary and so it is important to check the English requirement for your chosen course of study.

How do I know how long to enrol for?

If you have a recognised test score, using the table provided you can identify what level you will begin in. If, for example, you have an IELTS of 5.0, with no individual band less than 4.5, you will be placed in Level 4. Each level is 5 weeks long. If you successfully progress through the levels it would take 20 weeks to complete studies through to Level 7 to achieve Direct Entry. Progression rates though do vary depending on study habits and motivation and some students may need to re-take a level. The study can be challenging and allowing extra time to re-take a level if necessary is recommended.

What if I haven't done an IELTS/TOEFL/PTE Test?

You can take our placement test on arrival and you will be put in a level according to the results. Estimating time needed to achieve Direct Entry can be difficult before seeing these results. However, Level 1 uses Pre-intermediate level material, Levels 2 and 3 are for Intermediate students, Levels 4 and 5 use Upper-intermediate content and Level 6 and 7 are for Advanced-level students. This information may be a useful guide.

If I fail to achieve Direct Entry before my university course commences, what are my options?

Satisfying the English requirement for degree courses can also be achieved by gaining the required IELTS, TOEFL iBT or other recognised test scores. The UTAS English Language Centre is an official IELTS Test Centre and so anyone can take the IELTS test onsite as long as they book in time to secure a place. Alternatively, students can continue to develop their English and work to achieving Direct Entry in time for the next start date for their university program.

Foundation Studies

What is the entry requirement for the Foundation Studies Program?

Successful completion of Level 4 (with an overall result of at least 60% and no skill less than 50%), satisfies the English requirement into the Foundation Studies Program.

How long do I need to enrol to get into the Foundation Studies Program?

Your enrolment period at the English Language Centre will depend on your English level when you commence. There is no minimum enrolment period for students on pathways to Foundation Studies. If you have an IELTS of 5.0 with no band less than 4.5, you can enter Level 4 and as long as you complete this level successfully, you can satisfy the English entry requirement after 5 weeks. If your English level is lower on commencement, more time will be required so you should allow for this. The table offers a guide as to the length of study period required, noting each level is 5 weeks long and, depending on performance, re-taking of some of the levels may be necessary.