

International Pathways and Language Centre

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BrunELT

Brunel English Language Test

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What is the BrunELT?

The Brunel English Language Test is an **established test** that has been developed by the International Pathways and Language Centre (**IPLC**) to evaluate your level of academic English.

It provides you with an excellent opportunity if you are applying to study at **Brunel University London** or London Brunel International College (**LBIC**) and need to provide **evidence of your English level**.

It also helps to determine whether you are required to attend an **English language course** prior to your academic studies.

We provide **weekly testing** from April to September and fortnightly testing from October to March. The **results** are emailed to you **within 7 days** of taking the test.

The **test is held on campus at Brunel University London** throughout the year.

Overseas testing is also available in selected countries from March to November.



Who should take the BrunELT?

The BrunELT is suitable for you if you:

- Hold a conditional offer for a place at Brunel University London but do not have the required IELTS score
- Hold an IELTS score but have not yet reached the required English Language requirement for your academic course
- Are currently studying a pathway course with LBIC and are yet to meet the English Language Requirement for your follow on course at Brunel
- Are currently abroad and intend to study at Brunel University London or LBIC (for further details about **BrunELT in your country** please see the back page).

Where and when does it take place?

We run the BrunELT throughout the year, usually on a Friday afternoon. It takes place at the Brunel University London campus in Uxbridge.



Test Structure - campus based test

The test comprises four sections **Reading**, **Listening**, **Writing**, and **Speaking**:

Reading

You will be given a piece of text to read. You will be expected to show your understanding of this by answering a number of questions related to the text. The Reading Test is divided into four sections:

Part A: You are required to answer a range of question types, including True/False, where you read a number of statements relating to the text and decide whether they are true or false, justifying your answers with evidence from the text; Multiple Choice questions in which you have to choose the correct answer from three or four different options; and open questions. The questions in Part A test your ability to scan a text for specific information and to show understanding of key concepts.

Part B: You have to match short paragraph summaries with a number of paragraphs in the text. You may, alternatively, be required to choose the best paragraph summary from a choice of two or more for specific paragraphs from the text. These questions test your ability to recognise global organisation of a text.

Part C: You are expected to match words and phrases in the question paper with synonyms (words with the same or similar meanings) in the text. You are directed to the paragraph in which each word or phrase is found. You may also have to choose the best synonym for a word in the text from a choice of five possible options. This part of the exam tests your understanding of vocabulary from the surrounding context.

Part D: You have to match referents, e.g. he, it, whose, etc. with the subject, person, idea, etc. which they refer to in the text. This part of the exam tests your ability to understand sentence level cohesion (how a text is organised and connected).

Time allowed 60 minutes



Writing

You will be given three essay titles, from which you need to choose one title and write approximately 300-700 words on the subject area.

Time allowed 60 minutes

Speaking

You will be given a short interview with the examiner. You will be asked questions on subjects such as your hobbies, studies and your home country.

Time allowed 5-10 minutes

Listening

You will be required to listen to a live academic lecture and show your understanding by answering a number of questions related to the lecture. The test is divided into three sections.

You will receive the question paper for Parts A and B before the lecture, and you will be given 10 minutes to read the questions and think about the kind of answers you are expected to give.

Part A: You will fill in gaps with numbers or words as you listen to the lecture. The questions in Part A test your ability to understand and note down discrete facts.

Part B: You are required to answer a range of question types. You may be expected to decide whether statements are true or false, sometimes justifying your answer. You may also have to answer open questions, multiple choice questions and questions about steps in a process. You need to answer all the questions in Part B while you listen to the lecture. In this section of the test, you need to demonstrate your understanding of key ideas and processes and your ability to select key information, while discarding irrelevant facts.

Part C: Once Part B is finished, the examiner will tell you to take notes for Part C in your question paper under the headings provided. A separate question paper for Part C will be given to you after the lecture and you will have 20 minutes to answer the questions for Part C, by using your notes, and to check your answers for Parts A and B. Part C tests your ability to take effective notes and your ability to interpret notes to answer further questions.

Time allowed 60 minutes

Preparing for your Test

The best way to prepare for the BrunELT is to read a quality newspaper, magazine or journal and listen to BBC news in English. You should try to work on increasing your vocabulary and noticing how the language is used. The internet also provides a great source for helping you to improve your English skills e.g. TED Talks, British Council - Learn English or the BBC iPlayer are useful sources.

TED Talks

<https://www.ted.com/talks>

Learn English by the British Council

<http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/>

BBC Skillswise

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/O/>

BBC iPlayer

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer>

UKVI IELTS required for Pre-sessional English

The BrunELT is suitable to apply for a Pre-sessional English course if you also hold a valid IELTS for UKVI test with no less than 4.0 in all sections, taken after 5th November 2015.

BrunELT score scale and IELTS equivalency

Example of results

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John Smith
Date of Birth: 01/01/1990

Test Date: 16-10-15

Results Obtained:

Listening	Reading	Writing	Speaking	Overall Score
70	65	60	75	68

This is equivalent to level B2 on the Common European Framework of Reference

Scores Valid Until: 15-10-17

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BrunELT Score	IELTS Score
45-49	4.5
50-54	5.0
55-59	5.5
60-64	6.0
65-69	6.5
70-74	7.0
75-79	7.5
80-84	8.0

How can I book and pay for the test?

To book your test online please visit our website:
<http://www.brunel.ac.uk/international/ipic/brunelt>

The test **costs £110*** and the **payment options** are as follows:

- **Pay online** by debit/credit card at the time of booking the test: <http://www.brunel.ac.uk/international/ipic/brunelt>
- In person paying by cash, please collect a payment slip from us at the IPLC Office in the Russell Building by 11:30am on the day of the test to make a payment at the Cash Office.

*Accurate at time of print

Overseas test

As well as testing on the Brunel campus, we also offer you the opportunity to take the BrunELT in selected countries. Currently we are running tests in China, Thailand, Taiwan, South Korea, Hong Kong, Bahrain and Turkey.

For the latest test dates and locations and to book your test online please visit our website:

<http://www.brunel.ac.uk/international/iplc/testing>

Test Structure

The format of the BrunELT Travel Test differs slightly to the structure of the test we offer on Brunel campus. As part of this test we also include a section on grammar, alongside testing your listening, reading, speaking and writing skills.

Grammar

Multiple choice test where you will need to choose one out of 4-5 options of words which would make a sentence grammatically correct.

Time allowed 45 minutes

Reading

A written text, where you have to demonstrate your understanding by answering comprehension, vocabulary and reference questions

Time allowed 30 minutes

Listening

An audio lecture, where you have to demonstrate your understanding by filling in gaps in text with words and/or numbers and answering comprehension questions as you listen.

Time allowed 20 minutes

Writing

You will be given a choice of two essay titles, from which you need to choose one to write approximately 300-700 words on the subject area.

Time allowed 45 minutes

Speaking

You will be given a short interview with the examiner. You will be asked questions on subjects such as your hobbies, studies and your home country. This will be recorded.

Time allowed 5-6 minutes

BrunELT Results

The results of your BrunELT will be sent to you or your agent by email and we aim to send these to you one week after the test.

If you have applied for your academic course and have:

- **met the English requirements** - we will inform Brunel University London or LBIC to update your records accordingly
- **fallen slightly below the English requirements** - we will suggest a suitable English Language course to improve your academic English skills.

If you have taken the campus based test, as well as an email, you will also receive a certificate of your results. Please allow 5-10 working days before collection from the IPLC Office or if you would like your certificate to be posted to you, please contact us.

