

International Qualifications

International qualifications in the table below are accepted as meeting CQU's English language requirements.

Tests or other English preparation	Foundation or Certificate or Diploma ¹	Undergraduate or postgraduate coursework course or study abroad ²	Postgraduate research degree
Global Qualifications			
General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) or International General Certificate for Secondary Education (IGCSE)	A grade of C or better in English – First Language or English – Second Language.	A grade of C or better in English – First Language or English – Second Language.	A grade of B or better in English – First Language or English – Second Language.
General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCE A Level studies)	A grade of D or better in GCE – A Level English.	A grade of C or better in GCE – A Level English.	A grade of C or better in GCE – A Level English.
International Baccalaureate Diploma/Certificate	Minimum grade of 3 in English A or B (higher level) or 4 (Standard Level).	Minimum grade of 3 in English A or B (higher level) or 4 (Standard Level).	Minimum grade of 3 in English A or B (higher level) or 4 (Standard Level).
Qualifications from other countries			
Austria – Matura	Minimum grade of 4 for English on Secondary Education Certificate.	Minimum grade of 4 for English on Secondary Education Certificate.	Minimum grade of 3 for English on Secondary Education Certificate.
Denmark – Upper Secondary School 2007 onwards	A minimum grade of 7 in English.	A minimum grade of 7 in English.	A minimum grade of 9 in English.
Finland Matriculation Certificate	A grade of 7 or better in English.	A grade of 8 or better in English.	A grade of 8 or better in English.
Germany – Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (German Academic Exchange Services) (DAAD)	Minimum grade of B in all areas.	Minimum grade of B2 (4 star) result in all three bands of DAAD Language Certificate.	Minimum grade of B2 (4 star) results.
Germany – Abitur	English results on Higher School Certificate with a grade lower than 4.	English results on Higher School Certificate with a grade no lower than 4.	English results on Higher School Certificate with a grade no lower than 3.
Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)	Foundation Courses Level 2 in English, Diploma Courses Level 3 in English.	Level 3 in English or better.	Pass in English at Grade 4 or better.
Malaysia – Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (Malaysian Certificate of Education) (SPM)		Minimum grade of C in English.	Minimum grade of C in English.

Malaysia – Sijil Tinggi Persekolahan (Malaysian Higher School Certificate) (STPM)		Minimum grade of C in English.	Minimum grade of C in English.
Malaysian Independent Chinese Secondary Schools Unified Examination Certificate		Grade of B6 in English.	Grade of B5 in English.
Malaysia University of Cambridge Locale Examinations Syndicate (UCLES)		Score of C6 or better.	Score of C6 or better.
Norway – Upper Secondary School	A grade of 3 or better in final year English.	A grade of 4 or better.	A grade of 4 or better in English.
Sweden – Upper Secondary School (Slutbetyg)	A grade of C/D in final year English.	A grade of C/D in final year English.	A grade of C/D in final year English.
Studies undertaken in Australia or other English speaking countries			
At least two years full-time senior secondary study (or at least one year post senior secondary tertiary study) where the medium of instruction was English ³	Successful completion within the last 5 years and gaining a satisfactory pass in English in the final year.	Successful completion within the last 5 years and gaining a satisfactory pass in English in the final year.	Not applicable.
At least one year full-time senior secondary study where the medium of instruction was English ³	Successful completion within the last 5 years and gaining a satisfactory pass in English in the final year.	Successful completion within the last 5 years and gaining a satisfactory pass in English in the final year.	Not applicable.
Successful completion of Year 12 secondary schooling in Australia OR Successful completion of an Australian qualification recognised as at least Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Certificate IV (taught in English)	Successful completion within the last 5 years and gaining a satisfactory pass in English in the final year.	Successful completion within the last 5 years and gaining a satisfactory pass in English in the final year.	Successful completion within the last 5 years and gaining a satisfactory pass in English in the final year.
At least one year full-time tertiary level study in Australia	Minimum period of study of 1 academic year completed within the last 5 years with satisfactory academic progression.	Minimum period of study of 1 academic year completed within the last 5 years with satisfactory academic progression.	Minimum period of study of 1 academic year completed within the last 5 years with satisfactory academic progression.

¹ These students are required to undertake further communications and language study as part of their degree.

² Courses with different requirements have been separately approved by Academic Board. These requirements can be accessed from the University's [website](#) or [handbook](#).

³ Medium of instruction for English is assessed against the Country Education Profiles (CEP) managed by Australian Government Department of Education, Skills and Employment. English instruction may be accepted if the CEP states that English is the language of instruction relevant to the country, education level or institution. However, the University reserves the right to request proof of English language proficiency for all students.