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All postgraduate courses at Murdoch University have a minimum English entry requirement. There are several postgraduate courses with higher minimum English entry requirements. All requirements are outlined in this document.

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**IMPORTANT NOTES**

1. valid for two years from the date of testing
2. this can be shown by producing evidence that they have been studying and/or working in a country where English is the official language. You will need to provide references e.g. work experience letters/academic transcripts. You will also need to provide copies of passports and/or visas to prove duration of residency.
3. Successful completion of: a) Secondary school studies to the equivalent of Australian Year 12, with a minimum of four years' study at secondary school or equivalent; and b) A bachelor degree or higher degree, with a minimum of three years' equivalent full time study; where i. The secondary school and degree studies were completed at educational institutions in Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, South Africa, the United Kingdom and/or the United States of America; and ii. English was the language of instruction at these educational institutions; and iii. The study was undertaken while you were living in the country where your degree was awarded and your schooling was completed. 4. Successful completion of: a) Secondary school studies either to the equivalent of Australian Year 10 or Year 12; and b) At least 10 years of primary and/or secondary schooling; where i. English was the language of instruction at the school or schools; and ii. The schooling was undertaken and completed in Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, South Africa, the United Kingdom and/or the United States of America; and iii. You were living in Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, South Africa, the United Kingdom and/or the United States of America throughout your period of schooling.either Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, South Africa, United Kingdom or United States of America, including at least two years between years 7 and 12.
4. Regardless of Murdoch University's English Language requirements, international applicants should be aware that they must still satisfy the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) English language requirements for visa applications.
5. For example if you have an ELICOS course from a University in Western Australia, the ELICOS course has to meet entry into that University.
6. Regardless of Murdoch University's English Language requirements, ALL applicants should be aware of the English registration requirements for their - this will apply and not limited to Psychology, Nursing, Counselling, Education/Teaching, Migration Law.

**PREVIOUS STUDY AT A TERTIARY LEVEL (ENGLISH AS THE MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION)**

Medium of instruction may be considered only if the previous study in the English language medium of instruction has been completed at a university level (equivalent to AQF level 7 or higher) within five years prior to the date the applicant will start the course at Murdoch University. This limitation period does not apply to applicants who:

a. meet the minimum institutional English language requirements AND

b. can show evidence that they have used English as the primary mode of communication in the time between achieving the English Language Competency and commencing studies at Murdoch University.

If there is a history of failure, a written statement should be provided because this may be an indication of insufficient English Language Competency.

LIST OF COUNTRIES	NAME OF QUALIFICATION	All Postgraduate courses (excluding courses listed in this document)	• Research Degrees (including Professional Doctorates except Doctor of Clinical Psychology);	• Master of Education	• Master of Veterinary Studies in Conservation Medicine; • Master of Wildlife Health and Conservation; • Master of Food Security; • Master of Protected Area Management	• Master of Veterinary Clinical Studies; • Graduate Certificate in Migration Law	• Postgraduate Psychology and Counselling courses	• Doctor of Psychology (Clinical Psychology)	• Graduate Diploma in Education (Secondary); • Master of Teaching (Primary)
Successful studies completed in: Australia Canada Ireland New Zealand South Africa United Kingdom United States of America	<b>Bachelor degree (AQF level 7) or Equivalent</b>	Successful completion of at least two university units at AQF level 7 or above	Successful completion of at least 0.5 years at AQF Level 7 or above	Successful completion of at least 0.5 years at AQF Level 7 or above	Successful completion of at least 0.5 years at AQF Level 7 or above	Successful completion of at least 1.5 years at AQF Level 7	Successful completion of at least 2 years at AQF Level 7 or above	Successful completion of at least 3 years at AQF Level 7 or above	Successful completion of at least 3 years at AQF Level 7 or above
Successful studies completed in: American Samoa Fiji Kenya Papua New Guinea Singapore Solomon Islands Zambia  OR is listed as the sole language of instruction in the <a href="#">World Higher Education Database</a> .	<b>Bachelor degree (AQF level 7) or Equivalent</b>	Successful completion of at least 1 year at AQF Level 7 or above	Successful completion of at least 1.5 years at AQF Level 7 or above	Successful completion of at least 1.5 years at AQF Level 7 or above	Successful completion of at least 1.5 years at AQF Level 7 or above	Does not meet English for direct entry	Successful completion of at least 3.0 years at AQF Level 7 or above	Successful completion of at least 3.5 years at AQF Level 7 or above	Does not meet English for direct entry

**ENGLISH PROFICIENCY TESTS**

1. English Proficiency Tests must be Academic only. General and vocational tests are not acceptable.
2. English Proficiency test results are valid for two years from the date of testing, however may be used for entry until the next immediate semester intake. This limitation period does not apply to applicants who:
- meet the minimum institutional English language requirements AND
  - can show evidence that they have used English as the primary mode of communication in the time between achieving the English Language Competency and commencing studies at Murdoch University,
  - completed secondary studies under the GCE Advanced, Advanced Subsidiary (AS) and Ordinary (GCSE) Level or IB curriculum with the required results.

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY TEST	All Postgraduate courses (excluding courses listed in this document)	• Research Degrees (including Professional Doctorates except Doctor of Clinical Psychology);	• Master of Education	• Master of Veterinary Studies in Conservation Medicine;  • Master of Wildlife Health and Conservation;  • Master of Food Security;  • Master of Protected Area Management	• Master of Veterinary Clinical Studies;  • Graduate Certificate in Migration Law	• Postgraduate Psychology and Counselling courses	• Doctor of Psychology (Clinical Psychology)	• Graduate Diploma in Education (Secondary);  • Master of Teaching (Primary)
<sup>1</sup> Academic International English Language Testing System (IELTS)	IELTS overall 6.0 with no band below 6.0	IELTS overall score of 6.5 with no band less than 6.0	IELTS overall score of 6.5 with no band less than 6.0	IELTS overall score of 6.5 with no band less than 6.0	IELTS overall score of 7.0 with no band less than 6.5	IELTS overall score of 7.0 with no band less than 7.0	IELTS overall score of 7.5 with no band less than 7.0	IELTS overall score of 7.5 with no band less than 7.0 in reading and writing and 8.0 in speaking and listening
<sup>2</sup> Cambridge Advanced English prior to January 2015 (CAE)	52 with no section less than Borderline	Does not meet English for direct entry	Does not meet English for direct entry	58 with no section less than Borderline	67 with no section less than Good	67 with no section less than Good	74 with no section less than Good	74 with no section less than Good in reading and writing and Exceptional in speaking and Listening
<sup>3</sup> Cambridge Advanced English after January 2015 (CAE)	169 overall with no band below 169	Does not meet English for direct entry	Does not meet English for direct entry	176 overall with no band below 169	185 overall with no band below 176	185 overall with no band below 185	191 overall with no band below 185	191 overall with no band below 185 in reading and writing and 200 in speaking and listening
<sup>4</sup> Pearson Test of English (PTE)	54 with no band below 54	64 with no band below 58	64 with no band below 58	61 with no band below 54	68 with no band below 61	68 with no band below 68	76 with no band below 68	76 with no band below 76
<sup>5</sup> Test of English as a Foreign Language - IBT (TOEFL IBT)	73 with no band less than 18	90 with no band less than 20	90 with no band less than 20	79 with no band less than 18	94 with no band less than 20	94 with no band less than 24	102 with no band less than 24	102 with no band less than 24 in reading and writing and 29 in speaking and listening
<sup>6</sup> Test of English as a Foreign Language - Paper Based (TOEFL - Paper Based)	534 (Test of Written English not less than 4.5)	592 (Test of Written English not less than 5.0)	592 (Test of Written English not less than 5.0)	565 (Test of Written English not less than 4.5)	592 (Test of Written English not less than 5.0)	592 (Test of Written English not less than 5.0)	615 (Test of Written English not less than 5.0)	615 (Test of Written English not less than 5.5)
Occupational English Test (OET)	OET with a minimum of C in the four components	Does not meet English for direct entry	Does not meet English for direct entry	OET with a minimum of Two B's and two C's in the four components	OET with a minimum of four B's in the four components	OET with a minimum of one A and three B's in the four components	OET with a minimum of two A's and two B's in the four components	OET with a minimum of three A's and one B in the four components

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSES (ACADEMIC)**

A successfully completed approved ELICOS result may be considered only if it has been completed within one year prior to the date the applicant will start the course at Murdoch University. This limitation period does not apply to applicants who:

a. meet the minimum institutional English language requirements [AND](#),

b. can show evidence that they have used English as the primary mode of communication in the time between achieving the English Language Competency and commencing studies at Murdoch University (this can be shown by producing evidence that they have been studying and/or working in a country where English is the official language).

NAME OF INSTITUTION	NAME OF QUALIFICATION	All Postgraduate courses (excluding courses listed in this document)	• Research Degrees (including Professional Doctorates except Doctor of Clinical Psychology);  • Master of Education	• Master of Veterinary Studies in Conservation Medicine;  • Master of Wildlife Health and Conservation;  • Master of Food Security;  • Master of Protected Area Management	• Master of Veterinary Clinical Studies;  • <sup>3</sup> Graduate Certificate in Migration Law	• Postgraduate Psychology and Counselling courses	• Doctor of Psychology (Clinical Psychology)	• Graduate Diploma in Education (Secondary);  • Master of Teaching (Primary)
All Australian Universities	English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students (ELICOS)	<sup>5</sup> Successful completion of an Academic English Language Intensive Course of a minimum of 10 teaching weeks full-time duration or more, which satisfies the English Language entry requirements into degree level courses for that Australian University	<sup>5</sup> Successful completion of an Academic English Language Intensive Course of one semester (Approximately 12 teaching weeks) full-time duration or more, which satisfies the English Language entry requirements to degree level courses for an Australian University	<sup>5</sup> Successful completion of an Academic English Language Intensive Course of one semester (Approximately 12 teaching weeks) full-time duration or more, which satisfies the English Language entry requirements to degree level courses for an Australian University	Does not meet English for direct entry	Does not meet English for direct entry	Does not meet English for direct entry	Does not meet English for direct entry
English Language School in Sydney (EL SIS)	English for Academic Purpose (EAP)	EAP 2 Grade 70% or higher	EAP 2 Grade 75% or higher	EAP 2 Grade 75% or higher	Does not meet English for direct entry	Does not meet English for direct entry	EAP 2 Grade 90% or higher	Does not meet English for direct entry
Kaplan Aspect	English for Academic Purpose (EAP)	EAP 2 OR 3 Grade 60% or higher	EAP 2 OR 3 Grade 70% or higher	EAP 2 OR 3 Grade 70% or higher	Does not meet English for direct entry	Does not meet English for direct entry	Does not meet English for direct entry	Does not meet English for direct entry
Kaplan International Perth	English for Academic Purpose (EAP)	EAP 65% or higher	EAP 70% or higher	EAP 70% or higher	Does not meet English for direct entry	Does not meet English for direct entry	EAP 85% or higher	EAP 90% or higher
Kaplan Singapore	Professional Business English Program	75% (Distinction) or higher OR 65% (Credit) or higher plus 10 weeks of additional English language tuition taken in parallel with studies	75% (Distinction) or higher OR 65% (Credit) or higher plus 10 weeks of additional English language tuition taken in parallel with studies	75% (Distinction) or higher OR 65% (Credit) or higher plus 10 weeks of additional English language tuition taken in parallel with studies	Does not meet English for direct entry	Does not meet English for direct entry	Does not meet English for direct entry	Does not meet English for direct entry
Murdoch Institute of Technology (MIT)	English for Academic Purpose (EAP)	EAP 65% with no skill below 55%	EAP 70% with no skill below 60%	EAP 70% with no skill below 60%	Does not meet English for direct entry	Does not meet English for direct entry	EAP 85% with no skill below 75%	EAP 90% with no skill below 80%
Nanyang Institute of Management	Certificate in General English	Grade C	Grade B	Grade B	Does not meet English for direct entry	Does not meet English for direct entry	Does not meet English for direct entry	Does not meet English for direct entry
Navitas English (Formerly Australian College of English and Australian Centre for Languages)	Academic English	Level 3 with a minimum grade of 60%	Level 3 with a minimum grade of 65%	Level 3 with a minimum grade of 65%	Does not meet English for direct entry	Does not meet English for direct entry	Level 3 with a minimum grade of 80%	Level 3 with a minimum grade of 85%
Perth International College of English (PICE)	English for Academic Purpose (EAP)	65% at level 8	65% level 9	65% level 9	Does not meet English for direct entry	Does not meet English for direct entry	Does not meet English for direct entry	Does not meet English for direct entry
Phoenix Academy	English for Academic Purposes Certificate IV	EAP Certificate IV Grade CO - 60% or higher in all bands	EAP Certificate IV Grade COM - 65% or higher in all bands	EAP Certificate IV Grade COM - 65% or higher in all bands	Does not meet English for direct entry	Does not meet English for direct entry	EAP Certificate IV Grade COM - 80% or higher in all bands	EAP Certificate IV Grade COM - 85% or higher in all bands
University of Technology Sydney (UTS)	Insearch Academic English Program	Pass Academic English 4	Pass Academic English 5	Pass Academic English 5	Does not meet English for direct entry	Does not meet English for direct entry	Pass Academic English 6	