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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

- Regardless of Murdoch University's English Language requirements, international applicants should be aware that they must still satisfy the Department of Home Affairs (formerly Department of Immigration and Border Protection) English language requirements for visa applications.
- Regardless of Murdoch University's English Language requirements, ALL applicants should be aware of the professional registration English requirements for their course

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY TESTS

1. English Proficiency Tests must be Academic only. General and vocational tests are not acceptable. Test results are valid for two (2) 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 (Coursework)	• 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 Diploma in Migration Law and Practice	• Postgraduate Psychology and Counselling courses	• Doctor of Psychology (Clinical Psychology)	• Graduate Diploma in Education (Secondary); • Master of Teaching (Primary)
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 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 8.0 in speaking and listening
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 below Good level	Does not meet direct entry	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
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	Does not meet direct entry	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
Pearson Test of English (PTE)	50 with no band below 50	64 with no band below 58	58 with no band below 58	61 with no band below 54	68 with no band below 61	Does not meet direct entry	68 with no band below 68	76 with no band below 68	76 with no band below 76
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	100 with no band less than 22	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
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)	Does not meet direct entry	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	Does not meet direct entry	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

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 (5) 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.

LIST OF COUNTRIES	NAME OF QUALIFICATION	All Postgraduate courses (excluding courses listed in this document)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research Degrees (including Professional Doctorates except Doctor of Clinical Psychology); 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Master of Education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Master of Veterinary Studies in Conservation Medicine; Master of Wildlife Health and Conservation; Master of Food Security; Master of Protected Area Management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Master of Veterinary Clinical Studies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graduate Diploma in Migration Law and Practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Postgraduate Psychology and Counselling courses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doctor of Psychology (Clinical Psychology) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	Bachelor degree (AQF level 7) or Equivalent	Successful completion of at least two university units at AQF Level 7 degree or above	Successful completion of at least 0.5 years at AQF Level 7 degree 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 degree or above	Successful completion of at least 1.5 years at AQF Level 7 degree	Successful completion of an AQF Level 7 degree or above	Successful completion of at least 2 years at AQF Level 7 degree or above	Successful completion of at least 3 years at AQF Level 7 degree or above	Successful completion of at least 3 years at AQF Level 7 degree or above
Successful studies completed in: American Samoa Fiji Kenya Papua New Guinea Singapore Solomon Islands Zambia	Bachelor degree (AQF level 7) or Equivalent	Successful completion of at least 1 year at AQF Level 7 degree or above	Successful completion of at least 1.5 years at AQF Level 7 degree or above	Successful completion of at least 1.5 years at AQF Level 7 degree or above	Successful completion of at least 1.5 years at AQF Level 7 degree or above	Does not meet English for direct entry	Does not meet English for direct entry	Successful completion of at least 3.0 years at AQF Level 7 degree or above	Successful completion of at least 3.5 years at AQF Level 7 degree or above	Does not meet English for direct entry
Successful completion of a Bachelor's degree at an institution listed with English as sole language of instruction in the World Higher Education Database (WHED) .	Bachelor degree (AQF level 7) or Equivalent	Successful completion of an AQF Level 7 degree or above	Successful completion of an AQF Level 7 degree or above	Successful completion of an AQF Level 7 degree or above	Successful completion of an AQF Level 7 degree or above	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	Does not meet English for direct entry

ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSES (ACADEMIC)

A successfully completed approved English Course may be considered only if it has been completed within two (2) 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 (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; • Graduate Diploma in Migration Law and Practice	• Postgraduate Psychology and Counselling courses	• Doctor of Psychology (Clinical Psychology)	• Graduate Diploma in Education (Secondary); • Master of Teaching (Primary)
All Australian Universities	English Academic Program / English Language Bridging courses	Successful completion of an Academic English Language Bridging 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	Successful completion of an Academic English Language Bridging 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	Successful completion of an Academic English Language Bridging 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	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	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	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	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	Does not meet English for direct entry
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	Does not meet English for direct entry
Murdoch Institute of Technology (MIT)	English for Academic Purpose (EAP)	EAP 65% or higher	EAP 75% or higher	EAP 75% or higher	Does not meet English for direct entry	Does not meet English for direct entry	EAP 85% or higher	EAP 90% or higher	Does not meet English for direct entry
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	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%	Does not meet English for direct entry
Perth International College of English (PICE)	English for Academic Purpose (EAP)	Successful attainment of Level 7	Successful attainment of Level 8	Successful attainment of Level 8	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	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	Does not meet English for direct entry
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	Does not meet English for direct entry	Does not meet English for direct entry

SECONDARY EDUCATION (HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH)

a. successfully completed approved High School English result may be considered only if it has been completed within five (5) 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 (this can be shown by producing evidence that they have been studying and/or working in a country where English is the official language).

COUNTRY	NAME OF QUALIFICATION	All Postgraduate courses (excluding courses listed in this document)	Master of Education
GLOBAL	General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (A-Level) awarded by a United Kingdom examination authority (CIE, OCR, Edexcel, AQA, WJEC or CCEA)	D in English Language or English Literature or Knowledge and Inquiry	C in English Language or English Literature or Knowledge and Inquiry
	General Certificate of Education Advanced Subsidiary (AS) level awarded by a United Kingdom examination authority (CIE, OCR, Edexcel, AQA, WJEC or CCEA)	C in English Language and Literature or General Paper or Knowledge and Inquiry	B in English Language and Linguistics or Literature in English or Knowledge and Inquiry
	General Certificate of Secondary Education (Ordinary Level) qualification awarded from a United Kingdom examination authority (CIE, OCR, Edexcel, AQA, WJEC or CCEA)	C in English Language and Literature; English language	B in English Language and Literature; English language
	International Baccalaureate	3 or better in Higher level (HL); 4 or better in Standard Level (SL)	3 or better in Higher level (HL); 4 or better in Standard Level (SL)
AUSTRALIA	ACT Senior Secondary Certificate (ACT SSC)	Completion of Year 12 Certificate OR a scaled mark of 125 or higher in T Level English, World Literature or English as a Second Language.	Completion of Year 12 Certificate OR a scaled mark of 125 or higher in T Level English, World Literature or English as a Second Language.
	New South Wales High School Certificate (HSC)	A scaled mark of 50 (ELC Level 3) or higher in 2 Unit English (Standard or Advanced), English Extension or English as a Second Language.	A scaled mark of 50 (ELC Level 3) or higher in 2 Unit English (Standard or Advanced), English Extension or English as a Second Language.
	Northern Territory Certificate of Education and Training (NTCET)	A scaled mark of 10 (From 2011 a grade of C) or higher in 2 Unit English Studies, English Communications or English as a Second Language.	A scaled mark of 10 (From 2011 a grade of C) or higher in 2 Unit English Studies, English Communications or English as a Second Language.
	Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE)	A grade of Sound Achievement (4) or better (High or Very High Achievement) in a Queensland Studies Authority approved subject of English, English Extension (Literature) or English for ESL Learners	A grade of Sound Achievement (4) or better (High or Very High Achievement) in a Queensland Studies Authority approved subject of English, English Extension (Literature) or English for ESL Learners
	South Australia Certificate of Education (SACE)	A scaled mark of 10 (From 2011 a grade of C) or higher in 2 Unit English Studies, English Communications or English as a Second Language.	A scaled mark of 10 (From 2011 a grade of C) or higher in 2 Unit English Studies, English Communications or English as a Second Language.
	Tasmanian Certificate of Education	An overall result of Satisfactory Achievement or better (Commendable) in English Studies, English Communications, English Writing or English as a Second Language.	An overall result of Satisfactory Achievement or better (Commendable) in English Studies, English Communications, English Writing or English as a Second Language.
	Victoria Certificate of Education (VCE) or Final year High School	A scaled mark of 25 (50%) or higher in English, English Language, Literature or English as a Second Language.	A scaled mark of 25 (50%) or higher in English, English Language, Literature or English as a Second Language.
Western Australia Certificate of Education (WACE)	A scaled mark of 50 or higher in ATAR English, Literature or English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EALD). From 2008, a scaled mark of 50 or higher in TEE English or English Literature	A scaled mark of 50 or higher in ATAR English, Literature or English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EALD). From 2008, a scaled mark of 50 or higher in TEE English or English Literature	

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AUSTRALIA	Western Australian Universities' Foundation Program (WAUFPF)	A score of 50% in English Language and Australian Cultural Studies (ELACS) in the Western Australian Universities' Foundation Program (WAUFPF)	A score of 65% in English Language and Australian Cultural Studies (ELACS) in the Western Australian Universities' Foundation Program (WAUFPF)
AUSTRIA	(Maturity Certificate) Reifezeugnis / Reifeprüfungzeugnis / Matura / Maturazeugnis Austrian High School Diploma	GPA of 3 in English from the last three years	GPA of 1 in English from the last three years
BHUTAN	Higher Secondary Education Certificate (BHSEC)	70% or higher in English year 12	90% or higher in English year 12
CANADA	General High School Diploma	Grade 12 English with a 50% and above	Grade 12 English with a 50% and above
DENMARK	Upper Secondary School Leaving Certificate (Danish Studentereksamen)	B level English - minimum grade of 7 or A level English - minimum grade of 4 or Diploma Supplement or a separate document from home institution stating the language of instruction	B level English - minimum grade of 10 or A level English - minimum grade of 7 or Diploma Supplement or a separate document from home institution stating the language of instruction
ENGLAND	General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (A-Level) awarded by a United Kingdom examination authority (CIE, OCR, Edexcel, AQA, WJEC or CCEA)	D in English Language or English Literature	C in English Language or English Literature
	General Certificate of Education Advanced Subsidiary (AS) level awarded by a United Kingdom examination authority (CIE, OCR, Edexcel, AQA, WJEC or CCEA)	C in English Language and Literature or General Paper	C in English Language and Literature or General Paper
	General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level (O-Level) qualification awarded from a United Kingdom examination authority (CIE, OCR, Edexcel, AQA, WJEC or CCEA)	C in English Language or Literature in English	B in English Language or Literature in English
FII	Fiji Seventh Form Certificate	Successful completion of English (subject code:510) with an overall average of 60% or better	Successful completion of English (subject code:510) with an overall average of 70% or better
FINLAND	Finnish Upper Secondary School Certificate (Lukionpaastotodistus/Lukion paastotodistus)	Score of 7 or better in English	Score of 9 or better in English
GERMANY	Abitur	Abitur - Minimum grade of 7 points in each semester of the final 2 years OR DAAD with a C1 level in each of 3 sub-categories	Abitur - Minimum grade of 10 points in each semester of the final 2 years OR DAAD with a C2 level in each of 3 sub-categories
	Fachhochschulreife	Minimum grade of 3 points the final year OR DAAD with a C1 level in each of 3 sub-categories	Minimum grade of 2 points the final year OR DAAD with a C2 level in each of 3 sub-categories
HONG KONG	Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) - English Language and Literature in English	Level 4 or better in English Language and Literature in English	Level 5 or better in English Language and Literature in English
ICELAND	Studentsprof	Grade of 5.0 in English	Grade of 7.0 in English
INDIA	All India Senior School Certificate/Indian School Certificate/Senior Secondary or Higher Secondary Certificate (CBSE/CISCE and all State Boards)	70% or higher in English year 12	75% or Higher in English year 12
IRELAND	Leaving Certificate	Successful completion of English with an overall achievement of C2 (60%) or better	Successful completion of English with an overall achievement of B2 (75%) or better

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KENYA	Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE)	Grade B- or better in English	Grade B+ or better in English
MALAYSIA	SPM (Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia) or STPM	Minimum grade A1 in SPM English; OR minimum grade C in GCE O level/SPM 1119 English language; or Minimum grade of E in STPM English Literature; OR Grade of 85 in English in Malaysian Independent Chinese Secondary Schools Unified Examination Certificate (UEC)	Minimum grade B in GCE O level or SPM 1119 English language; or Minimum grade of B in STPM English Literature;
NAMIBIA	Namibian Senior Secondary Certificate (NCSS Higher Level)	Maximum result of 2 in First Language English (Higher Level)	Maximum result of 1 in First Language English (Higher Level)
NETHERLANDS	VWO (Pre-University qualification) OR HAVO	VWO - Grade 6 (Pass) or above in English OR HAVO - Overall score of at least 6 in English (after at least 1 year of tertiary education)	VWO - Grade 7 (Pass) or above in English OR HAVO - Overall score of at least 7 in English (after at least 1 year of tertiary education)
NEW ZEALAND	New Zealand - Bursary OR New Zealand (NCEA)	English - Minimum score 50 OR Level 2: 8 credit points with at least 'Achievement with Merit' in at least 4 of reading and writing Achievement Standards, of which 3 must be externally assessed, excluding AS90379 and AS90374	English - Minimum score 60 OR Level 2
NORWAY	Upper Secondary Education Vitnemal	Grade 3 or better in English 1002	Grade 4 or better in English 1002
SCOTLAND	Scottish Ordinary Level/Scottish Standard Grade/Scottish National 5/Scottish Higher English/Scottish Advanced Higher English	Scottish Ordinary Level English with a minimum grade of C OR Scottish Standard grade English (S4) with a grade between 1 and 4 OR Scottish Intermediate 2 English with a minimum grade of C OR Scottish National 5 English with a minimum grade of C OR Scottish Higher English with a minimum grade of E OR Scottish Advanced Higher English with a minimum grade of E	Scottish Ordinary Level English with a minimum grade of A OR Scottish Standard grade English (S4) with a grade between 1 and 4 OR Scottish Intermediate 2 English with a minimum grade of A OR Scottish National 5 English with a minimum grade of A OR Scottish Higher English with a minimum grade of C OR Scottish Advanced Higher English with a minimum grade of C
SINGAPORE	Singapore GCE Advanced Level (A-Level)	D in English Language and Linguistics (H2 Level) or Literature in English (H2 Level) or General Paper (H1 Level) or Knowledge and Inquiry (H2 Level)	C in English Language and Linguistics (H2 Level) or Literature in English (H2 Level) or General Paper (H1 Level) or Knowledge and Inquiry (H2 Level)
	Singapore General Certificate of Education O Level	C in English Language or Literature in English	B in English Language or Literature in English
SOUTH AFRICA	South African Senior Certificate	4 or better in English	Level 5 or better
SWEDEN	Senior High School Argangsbetyg	Overall average of grade G or better in all English Subjects undertaken	Overall average of grade VG or better in all English Subjects undertaken
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (USA)	Advanced Placement/SAT/American College Test (ACT)/American College Test (ACT) plus writing	Minimum of 65% or better in Grade 12 English	Minimum of 65% or better in Grade 12 English
VIETNAM	Australian Vietnam School of English	IELTS Intermediate and Advanced Successful Completion	Does not meet English for direct entry