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**UK students:** The University requires all its students to demonstrate an acceptable level of literacy, normally equivalent to at least Grade C at GCSE in English, or Grade 4 in the numerical scale used in England from 2017 onwards.

**International and EU students** must have an internationally-recognised English language qualification and a full list of acceptable qualifications may be found at:

<https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/study/international/apply/english-language/>

For students whose first language is not English, the University's minimum requirements for Undergraduate study are the IELTS test (or equivalent) with a minimum overall score of 6.0, and no band less than 5.5 in each of the sub-tests (reading, writing, speaking and listening).

This is the **minimum** requirement for admission to the University and many of our programmes will require higher scores than this, and may also require higher specific grades in each of the sub-tests. Some programmes, particularly in the clinical subject areas, may require an overall IELTS score as high as 7.5, so it is important that applicants check the requirements for the programme they are interested in. In addition to the academic requirements all international students are required to achieve a minimum English Language qualification equivalent to Common European Framework for languages (CEFR) level B2 as set out by UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI). For further details please consult the Gov.uk website at: <https://www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa/knowledge-of-english>

Further advice on the acceptability of a fuller range of English language qualifications for students whose first language is not English may be obtained from the International Recruitment, Relations and Study Abroad Team (Tel: +44 (0)151 794 5927 or email: [irro@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:irro@liverpool.ac.uk) or at our international students' website at: [www.liv.ac.uk/study/international/](http://www.liv.ac.uk/study/international/)

More information about the University's responsibility for assessing English language ability may also be found in the English Language Vouching Document at:

<https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/media/livacuk/study/international/LiverpoolEnglishVouchingDocument2016.pdf>

If an overseas applicant has satisfied all the other requirements of entry but has not achieved the required standard of English, an offer may be made conditional on completing to the required level a pre-session programme of English language study (ie, one that takes place before the start of the academic year) at the University of Liverpool's English Language Centre. The length of the programme will be decided in consultation with staff in our English Language Centre. Further information on our pre-session English language courses may be found on the English Language Centre's website at: <https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/english-language-centre/>

If you are made a conditional offer based upon achieving academic requirements and you choose to attend a pre-session programme and are not successful in achieving the required academic requirements the University is under no obligation to accept you for the academic programme. Where appropriate a change course offer will be made.