University College Dublin
English Language Requirements

The standard UCD English language requirements and researched jointly by the HEIs Admissions Officers Group and approved by Academic Council. These are published on the Admissions website. Programmes which are NFQ Level 8 or higher must adhere to the minimum but for some Graduate Taught programmes a higher requirement can be set.

This document shows the standard and two alternatives for Graduate Taught programmes.

	Standard requirement	Graduate Taught Option 1	Graduate Taught Option 2
IELTS	6.5 and a minimum of 6.0 in each band on the Academic Version.	7 and a minimum of 6.5 in each band on the Academic Version.	7,5 and a minimum of 7.0 in each band on the Academic Version.
TOEFL	90 in Internet based TOEFL (iBT) with at least 21 in writing and 19 in each of the other sections	100 in Internet based TOEFL (iBT) with at least 23 in writing and 20 in each of the other sections	110 in Internet based TOEFL (iBT) with at least 25 in writing and 21 in each of the other sections
Cambridge Examinations	176+ on Cambridge English scale (with no less than 169 in each skill and use of English) Examinations with CEFR level C1 or C2 acceptable	185+ on Cambridge English scale (with no less than 178 in each skill and use of English) Examinations with CEFR level C2 acceptable	191+ on Cambridge English scale (with no less than 184 in each skill and use of English) Examinations with CEFR level C2 acceptable
PTE Academic (Pearson English Language Test)	Minimum of 63 and at least 59 for each item in the Communicative Skills section.	Minimum of 71 and at least 63 for each item in the Communicative Skills section.	Minimum of 79 and at least 71 for each item in the Communicative Skills section.
ETAPP English Test for Academic & Professional Purposes	Grade C1 or better (i.e. CEFR Level C1 or C2)	Grade C1 or better (i.e. CEFR Level C1 or C2)	Grade C2 (i.e. CEFR Level C2)
Trinity ISE *"At Home" version will be accepted in 2024. It may not be recognised after that depending on the outcome of a review.*	Trinity ISE 3 with at least merit in each skill category	Trinity ISE 4 with at least merit in each skill category	Trinity ISE 4 with at least merit in each skill category
QQI FET ESL	Merit or Distinction in the level 5 modules "English as a Second language" or "Communications"	Distinction in the level 5 modules "English as a Second language" or "Communications"	Distinction in the level 5 modules "English as a Second language" or "Communications"
Duolingo English Test (DET)	The minimum requirement will be a DET score of 120 is required with at least 110 in each subscore	The minimum requirement will be a DET score of 130 is required with at least 120 in each subscore	The minimum requirement will be a DET score of 140 is required with at least 130 in each subscore
LanguageCert ESOL	B2 Communicator High Pass with no less than 33 in each skill	C1 Expert with no less than 36 in each skill	C1 Expert High Pass with no less than 39 in each skill
UCD Pre-Masters (PMP) or Pre-Sessional (PSP)	Overall grade C+ with at least grade C- in all components.	Overall grade B- with at least grade C in all components.	Overall grade B+ with at least grade B in all components.

An equivalent level of English
Other evidence of proficiency in English may be accepted at the discretion of the school, e.g. degree through English or English major in degree.

Please note an interview may also be required in addition to the minimum standards above, at the discretion of the Programme Board.