Students applying for a Tier 4 General Student visa to study in the United Kingdom must prove that they are competent in the English language.

Students (who have a valid passport) from the following countries are exempt from this requirement: Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Canada, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, New Zealand, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, and the United States of America.

The two tests given in the US are the TOEFL and the IELTS. Both of these tests are only valid for two years. For the full list of tests go to: http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/applicationforms/new-approved-english-tests.pdf

The English Language Test should be taken at least 4 months before the start of the program that you plan to attend in order to get the results back in time to apply for the UK visa.

**Timeline**
- Take the test in **February** for **Summer** study abroad
- Take the test in **May** for **Fall** study abroad
- Take the test in **September** for **Spring** study abroad

Students must meet the required levels for Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFRL) Level B2. If you do not meet the requirements in each of the areas, you will not be eligible for a UK Tier 4 General Student Visa.

**TOEFL iBT**  **Awarded by ETS**  [http://www.ets.org/toefl/ibt/faq](http://www.ets.org/toefl/ibt/faq)

**B2 Requirements**
- Listening – 17
- Reading – 18
- Speaking – 20
- Writing – 17

**IELTS**  **Awarded by Cambridge ESOL**  [www.ielts.org](http://www.ielts.org)

**B2 Requirements**
- Listening – 5.5
- Speaking – 5.5
- Reading – 5.5
- Writing - 5.5

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