

# HWU ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEVEL REQUIREMENTS

## Summary

The University-wide minimum English Language Level Requirements are:

- **Undergraduate:** IELTS 6.0 or equivalent
- **Postgraduate:** IELTS 6.5 or equivalent

## Heriot-Watt University English Language Level Requirements

Programme Type	Minimum English Language Requirement	Exceptions
<b>Undergraduate Programmes</b>	IELTS 6.0 (or equivalent)*	Actuarial Science IELTS 6.5 Physics IELTS 6.5 Languages (Int & Trans) IELTS 7.5
<b>Postgraduate Programmes</b>	IELTS 6.5 (or equivalent)*	Computer Science Programmes IELTS 6.0 Languages (Int & Trans) IELTS 7.0 Energy (Dubai only) IELTS 6.0 Renewable Energy (Dubai only) IELTS 6.0 Petroleum Engineering (Dubai only) IELTS 7.0
<b>Foundation Pathway (Edinburgh)</b>	IELTS 5.0 (or equivalent)*	
<b>Degree Entry Programme (Dubai)</b>	IELTS 5.5 (or equivalent)*	
<b>Foundation Programme (Malaysia)</b>	IELTS 5.5 (or equivalent)*	
<b>2-year Masters programmes where English study is offered as part of the first year of study (see below)</b>		
MSc Chinese – English Int & Trans (2 years)	IELTS 6.0	
MSc Applied Mathematical Sciences (2 years)	IELTS 5.5	
MSc Artificial Intelligence (2 years)	IELTS 6.0	
MSc Data Science (2 years)	IELTS 6.0	
MSc Human Robot Interaction (2 years)	IELTS 6.0	

## Purpose

- The University specified the required levels of English which enable students to cope with the demands of a Heriot-Watt programme which is taught, and assessed, in English.
- These requirements incorporate EU Students/students **not** in need of a Tier 4 visa.
- For students on articulation programmes with our international partners (2+2, 3+1) English Language entry requirements should be agreed with the partner institution and included in the Articulation Agreement. At the point of entry to the HWU programmes, English Language requirements as listed above should be met.

## References and Further Information

Contact: [edu.liaison@hw.ac.uk](mailto:edu.liaison@hw.ac.uk) Heriot-Watt University entry requirements: <https://www.hw.ac.uk/study/apply/entry-requirements.htm>

## Learning and Teaching Briefing Papers

This briefing paper has been produced by the Academic Quality and is one of a series related to Learning and Teaching. The briefing papers aim to provide a concise, informative overview of key policies, and include links to relevant procedures and templates.