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The following table is provided to give an **indication** of the qualifications required to enter our various courses. If your country has not yet been added or your qualification is not shown please contact admissions@nscd.ac.uk with details of your country, your full qualification title and the NSCD course that you are interested in applying for. We will let you know if your qualifications will be accepted for this course.

Country	Flag	Access to HE Diploma	BA	MA
Belgium		Contact admissions@nscd.ac.uk to check your qualifications for this course	Diploma van secundair onderwijs (Flanders)	Licentiaat and other two cycle diplomas (Flanders)
		See English Language entry information below		
China		Contact admissions@nscd.ac.uk to check your qualifications for this course	高考 (Chinese University / College Entrance Examination (Gaokao))	学士学位 (Bachelor degree)
		(See English Language entry information below)		
Czech Republic		Contact admissions@nscd.ac.uk to check your qualifications for this course	Vysvědčení o maturitní zkoušce (Secondary School Leaving Certificate)	Bakalář (Bachelor degree)
		See English Language entry information below		
Denmark		Folkeskolens 10. Klasseprøve (Class 10 Advanced Leaving Examination)	Bevis for Studentereksamen (STX) (Secondary Education Graduation Certificate)	Korrespondenteksamen
		The subject of English may be considered comparable to GCSE grades A*-C provided a mark of 7 has been obtained in the graduation certificate		
France		Contact admissions@nscd.ac.uk to check your qualifications for this course	Diplôme du Baccalauréat	Licence Professionnelle / Grade de Licence Professionnelle
		See English Language entry information below		
Germany		Hauptschulabschluss (when awarded on completion of year 10)	Zeugnis der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife / Abitur	Bachelor
		See English Language entry information below		

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Hong Kong		香港中學會考 (Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination (HKCEE))	文憑 (Diploma)	學士學位 (榮譽) (Bachelor degree (Honours))
		IGCSE/GCSE English Grade C or above are accepted in place of IELTS or equivalent.		
India		All India Secondary School Examination	Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC)	Bachelor of Arts
		(See English Language entry information below)		
Ireland		Leaving Certificate	Leaving Certificate	Honours Bachelor degree
		Grade C/4 GCSE or above in English		
Italy		Diploma di Maestro d'Arte	Diploma di Maturità (Classica/Scientifica/Linguistica) or European Baccalaureate Diploma	Diploma Accademico di Primo Livello
		See English Language entry information below		
Japan		Contact admissions@nscd.ac.uk to check your qualifications for this course	高等学校卒業証書 (Upper Secondary School Leaving Certificate) / 専門士 (Diploma)	学士 (Bachelor degree)
		See English Language entry information below		
Norway		Vitnemål for grunnskolen (Leaving Certificate from Lower Secondary School)	Vitnemål for Videregående Opplæring (Leaving Certificate from Upper Secondary School)	Bachelorgrad (Bachelor degree)
		Leaving Certificate English Language accepted, provided a mark of 4 has been obtained.		
Portugal		Contact admissions@nscd.ac.uk to check your qualifications for this course	Certificado de fim de Estudos Secundários / Certidão do Décimo Segundo Ano	Diploma de Estudos Superiores Especializados - DESE
		See English Language entry information below		

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Scotland		Scottish Nationals	Scottish Highers	Bachelor (Honours Degree)
		Scottish National 5 Certificate in English grade A to C		
Singapore		Singapore / Cambridge GCE O level	Singapore / Cambridge GCE A level	Bachelor (Honours) degree
		GCSE/IGCSE English grade C or above is accepted in place of IELTS or equivalent.		
Sweden		Slutbetyg från Grundskola (Compulsory Education Leaving Certificate)	Högskoleförberedande examen (Higher Education Preparatory Diploma)	Bachelor degree / Kandidatexamen
		See English Language entry information below		
Switzerland		Diplôme d'École de Culture Générale	Certificat de Maturité	Diplôme
		See English Language entry information below		
Taiwan		Contact admissions@nscd.ac.uk to check your qualifications for this course	高職學校畢業證書 (Senior Vocational High School Leaving Certificate)	學士學位 (Bachelor degree)
		See English Language entry information below		
United States of America		High School Graduation Diploma	Advanced Placement (AP) Examination	Bachelor degree
		English language qualification not required		

English Language Requirements

Whether you are from the UK, EEA or a non-EEA country you will need to satisfy minimum English language entry requirements in order to enrol on any of our courses. This is set at B2 Level (Common European Framework) which, for UK students, is English GCSE (Grades A*-C/level 4).

Applicants whose first language is not English are required to have a B2 Level in an approved English language examination:

Access & Undergraduate candidates must have an average 6.0 in IELTS test, minimum 5.5 in all components to enrol on the programme.

Postgraduate candidates must have an average 6.5 in IELTS test, minimum 6.0 in all components to enrol on the programme.

You do not need to submit this with your application or before your audition but if you are offered a place it will be conditional upon you submitting B2 level proof by the end of the academic year (usually July).

The List of Approved English Tests, at B2 level, is the same as for non-EEA applicants who are required to apply for a visa. Visit the UK government website [here](#) for more information.

International applicants

Applicants whose first language is not English are required to submit proof of a B2 Level (as outlined above) in an approved English language examination before we can issue a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) which will allow you to apply for a Tier 4 (general) visa. The List of Approved English Tests, at B2 level, can be viewed online [here](#).

Exemption from taking additional English Language Tests

In certain countries English subjects studied at school are comparable to at least GCSE (Grades A*-C/level 4) standard, provided these subjects have been taken and successfully passed in the final examinations with the required grades where stated.

If you are offered a conditional place, after your audition, qualifications that you have gained, including grades that you believe are comparable to the B2 level should be submitted to the admissions team for them to check with NARIC (The National Recognition Information Centre). You will then be notified whether you are exempt from taking additional English language tests for entry. Equally, if you studied/are studying recognised qualifications in English at an International School, or took a GCSE English as a first or second language, you may be exempt.

