NCUK International Foundation Year

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NCUK International Foundation Year Entry Requirements

This guide details the entry requirements for students applying to the NCUK International Foundation Year (IFY). Please note the additional requirements for progression to The University of Manchester, outlined here.

Age Requirements:

Applicants must normally be 17 years old when they start the IFY in standard or accelerated delivery modes (or for extended delivery modes, when they start the final year of the IFY).

Exceptions can be made for students who have fully met NCUK's qualification requirements but have documented reasons for not completing the required years of study, for example where in-country school systems lead to high school qualification completion in less than the usual number of study.

Applicants who are 16 can be accepted but such students will have limited progression options.

Entry to Medicine:

NCUK offers a number of progression routes to medical courses. Students who wish to apply for these courses must have a science background in their qualification prior to IFY and have performed well in excess of the minimum entry requirements outlined below.

Art & Design:

Students wishing to study Art & Design on the International Foundation Year should have previous experience of studying Art & Design at High School.

English Language Requirements:

The English language entry requirements are outlined in detail in a table at the end of this document. Students must be able to show English language ability at IELTS 5.0 level or equivalent prior to entry. Students should present a form of English language certification as well as the academic qualifications outlined below.

NCUK can arrange for students to take a Password test either at the Delivery Centre or at home, please contact centresupport@ncuk.ac.uk

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English Language Requirements

Below are the English Language entry requirements for NCUK qualifications.

NCUK accepts a variety of qualifications for progression onto its programmes and you can use these tables to determine if your qualifications match NCUK's requirements. The minimum accepted English Language grades for our programmes are displayed in the table. Note that normally where a test gives a grade for each skill we would expect each skill to be no more than half an IELTS point below the overall entry requirement.

For example, for students entering IFY we ask for an overall IELTS 5.0, we would also expect all skill grades to be IELTS 4.5 or above.

English language results must have been achieved within the last 2 years to be valid for entry.

Table 1

CEFR	NCUK EAP		Password/ Password Skills Plus	IELTS	WAEC	TOEFL IBT	Skills for English	LanguageCert Academic	Cambridge English Scale Score*	PTE Academic	OTE (Oxford Test of English)
	Percentage	Grade									
C2				**9.0**	A1	118 - 120	C2 Pass	95+			N/A
C2				**8.5**	A1	115 - 117	C2 Pass	90-94		88	
C1				**8.0**	A1	110 - 114	C1 Pass	85-89		82	141 - 170
C1	**90%+**	**A***	Password Plus	**7.5**	B2	102 - 109	C1 Pass	80-84	191	75	
C1	**80 – 89%+**	**A**	7.0	**7.0**	B3	94 - 101	C1 Pass	75-79	185	66	
B2	**70 – 79%+**	**B**	6.5	**6.5**	C4	79 – 93	B2 Pass	70-74	176	59	111-140
B2	**60 – 69%+**	**C**	6.0	**6.0**	C5	60 – 78	B2 Pass	65-69	169	52	
B2	**50 – 59%+**	**D**	5.5	**5.5**	C6	46 – 59	B2 Pass	60-64	162	46	
B1	**40 – 49%+**	**E**	5.0	**5.0**	D7	35 – 45	B1 Pass	50-59	154	41	81-110
B1	**<39%**	**U**	4.5	**4.5**	E8	32 - 34	B1 Pass	40-49	N/A		

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Table 2

NCUK programme	NCUK EAP	Password/ Password Skills Plus	IELTS	WAEC	TOEFL IBT	Skills for English	LanguageCert Academic	Cambridge English Scale Score*	PTE Academic	OTE (Oxford Test of English)
International Foundation Year **International Art and Design Foundation**	N/A	5	5	D7	35	B1 Pass	50	154	41	100
International Year One in Business **International Year One in Engineering**	D (no skills less than a D)	5.5	5.5	C6	46	B2 Pass	60	162	46	111
International Year One in Law	C (no skills less than a C)	6	6	C5	60	B2 Pass	65	169	52	126
International Year Two	C (no skills less than a C)	6	6	C5	60	B2 Pass	65	169	52	126
Master's Preparation - Extended (30 weeks)	E (no skills less than a E)	5	5	D7	35	B1 Pass	50	153	41	100
Master's Preparation - Standard (20 weeks)	D (no skills less than a D)	5.5	5.5	C6	46	B2 Pass	60	162	46	111
Master's Preparation - Accelerated (10 weeks)	D (no skills less than a D)	5.5	5.5	C6	46	B2 Pass	60	162	46	111

* We accept Cambridge English Scale scores from Cambridge English Qualifications: B2 First, C1 Advanced & C2 Proficiency and Linguaskill.

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