



THE POWER OF CAMBRIDGE ENGLISH QUALIFICATIONS

Preparing students for university success



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Cambridge

English Qualifications™

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Developing English language skills is essential for international students to be fully prepared for their university studies in the UK. A higher level English language qualification gives international students a competitive advantage when applying to university.

CATS Colleges specialise in preparing international students for university success, and our three UK Colleges in Cambridge, Canterbury and London, have embedded the Cambridge English qualifications into their curriculum to improve students’ practical language and communication skills and to ensure they are fully prepared to succeed in their studies and the world of work.



ABOUT CAMBRIDGE ENGLISH EXAMS

Cambridge English qualifications are designed by Cambridge Assessment, part of the University of Cambridge. Exams focus on a level of the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR), helping learners to improve their fluency and confidence, in addition to speaking, writing, reading and listening skills. They are designed so that each exam builds on the skills developed at the previous level. The exams focus on helping students learn English rather than learning to pass a test.

Cambridge English exams are recognised by over 25,000 universities, employers and governments around the world.

“CAMBRIDGE ASSESSMENT ENGLISH IS DELIGHTED THAT CATS’ STUDENTS USE OUR EXAMS TO DEVELOP AND DEMONSTRATE THEIR EXCELLENT LEVELS OF ENGLISH AND THEN ACCESS SOME OF THE MOST COMPETITIVE COURSES AT TOP UNIVERSITIES IN THE UK AND OVERSEAS”

David Charnaud
Customer Services Manager, UK, Ireland & Malta
Cambridge English Assessment

Qualification overview

A2 Key

This qualification is proof of ability to use English to communicate in simple situations. A2 Key is a great exam to take for new English learners.

B1 Preliminary

This is an intermediate-level qualification for those who have mastered the basics of English and now have practical language skills for everyday use.

B2 First

This qualification shows the learner has the language skills needed to communicate confidently in an English-speaking environment.

C1 Advanced

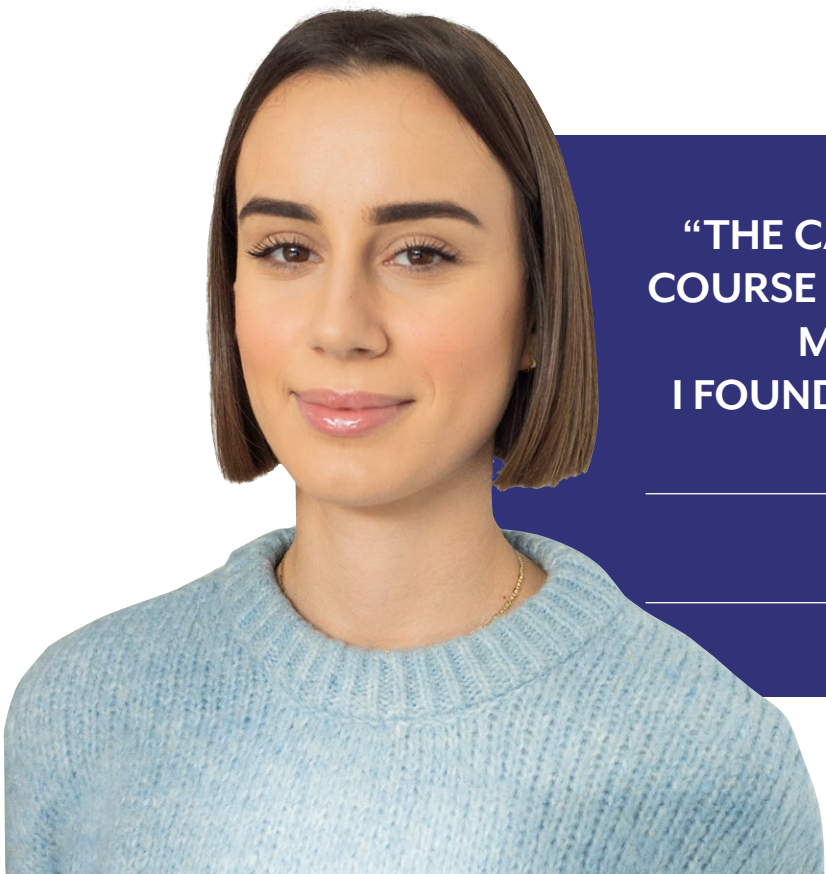
This is proof of high-level achievement in English and the ideal qualification to prepare students for university or professional life.

C2 Proficiency

This is the highest level qualification and it shows the world mastery in English to an exceptional level.

What’s the difference between Cambridge English qualifications and IELTS?

	Cambridge English	IELTS
Overview	Cambridge English qualifications are designed to stimulate English language development from beginner to proficient	IELTS assumes a level of English to take the qualification
Validity	No expiration date	Valid for two years if used for study or work visa
Exam duration	3.5-4 hours depending on the level	2 hours 45 mins
Exam structure	Reading & Use of English Writing (two tasks) Listening Speaking	Listening Speaking Reading Writing
Recognised by UK universities	Yes	Yes



“THE CAMBRIDGE ADVANCED ENGLISH COURSE REALLY HELPED ME TO EXPRESS MYSELF CLEARLY AND PRECISELY. I FOUND MYSELF EASILY PARTICIPATING IN ACADEMIC PROJECTS”

Melisa hopes to study Politics, Philosophy and Economics at Durham University after her A level studies

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ENGLISH SUITE OF EXAMS



UK universities set their own entry requirements for the English qualification, but nearly all accept a Cambridge English qualification – refer to pages 6-7 for details.

CATS students prepare for the relevant Cambridge English qualification to fit their stage of language development. The majority of students prepare for, and take, the C1 Advanced exam, but students also prepare for, and achieve top marks in, C2 Proficiency.

A grade B in the C1 Advanced qualification will give a student access to the top ranked UK universities.

International students outside the EU, EEA and Switzerland, choosing to do a pre-sessional course need a UK Visa and Immigration approved IELTS qualification.

CATS students benefit from an immersive language development programme. All lessons are taught in English and students benefit from 5 hours of intensive English lessons each week to ensure they excel in their studies.

“USING COMMUNICATIVE
APPROACHES TO TEACHING, WE
CAN BUILD CONFIDENT, CURIOUS
AND INDEPENDENT LEARNERS”

Mandy Greve
Head of English as Second Language
CATS Cambridge

Mandy Greve has over 25 years' experience working in the field of English language teaching and management in the UK and overseas. She has an MA in Applied Linguistics and is an accredited Cambridge International Teacher Trainer and Examiner/Moderator, and a Cultural Diversity Quality Standard Assessor.

“IN THE C1 ADVANCED CLASS I PUSHED MYSELF AND SET MUCH HIGHER GOALS WITH THE HELP OF MY TEACHER. THE LESSONS BENEFITTED ME ACADEMICALLY, THROUGH WIDENING MY VOCABULARY, AND ALSO BOOSTED MY CONFIDENCE”

Thanh Truc is an A level student hoping to study Business Management at university

UNIVERSITY OPPORTUNITIES WITH CATS COLLEGES

Rank*	University	Russell Group member	** Offers conditional progression	Cambridge English qualifications accepted
1	University of Cambridge	●		●
2	University of Oxford	●		●
3	University of St Andrews			●
4	Imperial College London	●		●
5	Loughborough University			●
6	London School of Economics and Political Science	●		●
7	Durham University	●		●
8	Lancaster University			●
9	University College London	●		●
10	University of Warwick	●		●
11	University of Bath			●
12	University of Exeter	●	●	●
13	University of Leeds	●		●
14	University of Birmingham	●		●
15	University of Bristol	●	●	●
16	University of Glasgow	●		●
17	Harper Adams University			●
18	University of Manchester	●		●
19	Royal Holloway, University of London		●	●
20	University of Southampton	●		●
21	University of Nottingham	●		●
22	University of York	●		●
23	University of East Anglia			●
24	University of Dundee			●
25	University of Edinburgh	●		●
26	University of Sheffield	●		●
27	University of Aberdeen			●
28	Newcastle University	●		●
29	University of Liverpool	●		●
30	King's College London	●		●
31	Swansea University			●
32	University of Surrey		●	●
33	Heriot-Watt University			●
34	Cardiff University	●		●
35	Queen's University, Belfast	●		●
36	University of Strathclyde			●
37	University of Essex			●
38=	University of Reading		●	●
38=	University of Sussex			●
40	Nottingham Trent University			●
41	University of Leicester			●
42	University for the Creative Arts		●	●
43	Arts University Bournemouth			●
44	SOAS University of London			●
45	Aberystwyth University			●
46	Keele University		●	●
47	University of Stirling			●
48	Aston University			●
49	Queen Mary, University of London	●		●
50	Coventry University		●	●

Rank*	University	Russell Group member	** Offers conditional progression	Cambridge English qualifications accepted
51	University of Lincoln			●
52	University of West London			For EU students only SELTs for Tier 4 students
53	Staffordshire University			●
54	University of Kent		●	●
55	Edge Hill University			●
56=	University of Portsmouth			●
56=	Leeds Arts University		●	●
58=	Ulster University			●
58=	University of the West of England		●	●
60	Liverpool Hope University			●
61	University of Huddersfield			●
62=	Manchester Metropolitan University			●
62=	Norwich University of the Arts		●	●
64	Oxford Brookes University			For EU students only
65=	Northumbria University			●
65=	Sheffield Hallam University			●
67	St George's, University of London			●
68	Goldsmiths, University of London			●
69	University of Roehampton			●
70	Bangor University		●	●
71	University of Chichester		●	●
72	Falmouth University			●
73	City, University of London			●
74	De Montfort University			●
75	University of Central Lancashire			●
76	Plymouth University		●	●
77	University of Hull			●
78	Liverpool John Moores University			●
79=	University of the Arts, London			●
79=	University of Chester			●
81	York St John University			●
82	Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh			●
83	Robert Gordon University			●
84	University of Greenwich			●
85	St Mary's University, Twickenham		●	●
86	London South Bank University			●
87	Teesside University			●
88	University of Hertfordshire			●
89=	Solent University		●	●
89=	Royal Agricultural University			●
91	University of Derby		●	●
92=	University of Buckingham		●	●
92=	University of Worcester			●
94	Bournemouth University			●
95	University of Gloucestershire			●
96=	Birmingham City University			●
96=	Glasgow Caledonian University			●
98=	Abertay University			●
98=	University of Winchester		●	●
100	Brunel University London			●

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