

› **MULTI-LEVEL  
ENGLISH TEST  
FOR UNIVERSITY  
AND COLLEGE  
ENTRANCE**

# A secure, reliable and fit for purpose English test for higher education

LANGUAGECERT Academic is a four-skill multi-level English test spanning CEFR levels B1 to C2, specifically designed to assess English skills needed to succeed in an academic environment. It offers choice to undergraduate and postgraduate students who need to demonstrate language proficiency for admission to higher education.

LANGUAGECERT	LanguageCert Academic	IELTS
CEFR		
C2	100	9.0
	95	8.5
C1	90	8.0
	85	7.5
	80	7.0
B2	75	6.5
	70	6.0
	65	5.5
B1	60	5.0
	55	4.5
	50	4.0
	45	
	40	

LanguageCert Academic 85-90 = IELTS 8.0  
LanguageCert Academic 80-84 = IELTS 7.5  
LanguageCert Academic 75-79 = IELTS 7.0  
LanguageCert Academic 70-74 = IELTS 6.5  
LanguageCert Academic 65-69 = IELTS 6.0  
LanguageCert Academic 60-64 = IELTS 5.5  
LanguageCert Academic 54-59 = IELTS 5.0  
LanguageCert Academic 47-53 = IELTS 4.5  
LanguageCert Academic 40-46 = IELTS 4.0

*The established scoring arrangements between LANGUAGECERT Academic and the CEFR are verified by ongoing analysis of test performance as well as by the LANGUAGECERT Research and Validation programmes. Concordancing evidence with other tests (such as that provided with IELTS in the table), are an illustration of the equivalencies as verified both internally and externally by our external partners. For more information about our concordance research visit [www.languagecert.org/research](http://www.languagecert.org/research)*

## What makes LANGUAGECERT Academic relevant for higher education?

1. The contexts focus on language used in an academic environment, with academic vocabulary and expressions relevant to most subjects. The test contains scenarios which include discussions with tutors, fellow students or university officials, lectures, seminars as well as authentic academic source materials (articles, journals, reports).
2. The tasks sample features of language and skills from those required to succeed in an academic setting, e.g., writing essays, giving presentations, note-taking, formulating arguments.
3. The levels span the range of CEFR levels that support institutions in deciding whether a student will be able to cope with academic language requirements at university, i.e., CEFR B1–C2



# Why choose LANGUAGECERT Academic?

- **Academic focus** for all tasks
- **Widely accessible** through 2 delivery modes:
  - LANGUAGECERT Secure Test Centre network in a 110+ countries
  - LANGUAGECERT Online Proctoring 24/7/365
- **Easy online booking**
- **Friendly, real-life test experience:**
  - Speaking conducted with a live LANGUAGECERT Marking Interlocutor
- **Quick results** within 5 business days:
  - Online test report with personalised feedback for Writing and Speaking
  - Certificate (printed / online) regulated by Ofqual
  - Digital badge for sharing on social media
- **Wide range of preparation materials**

# LANGUAGECERT Academic test format and structure

LANGUAGECERT Academic assesses 4 skills (Listening, Reading, Writing, and Speaking) through a Written and a Spoken component. **Both components must be booked together, and can be taken on the same day or within 14 days of each other.** Both the Written and Spoken components are available through the LANGUAGECERT Secure Test Centre network, and via Online Proctoring.

## Written Exam

### Listening



4 parts - 30 questions  
Multiple choice/note taking  
Around 40 minutes  
(all parts heard twice)

## Spoken Exam

### Speaking



4 parts  
Questions/role-play/read aloud/presentation  
Around 14 minutes

### Reading



4 parts - 30 questions  
Multiple choice/gap filling/multiple matching  
50 minutes

### Writing



2 tasks  
Extended responses  
50 minutes





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