



**BISHOP
GROSSETESTE
UNIVERSITY**

English Language Equivalent Qualifications

Please note: Any equivalent qualifications accepted at BGU may not necessarily be accepted at other providers. Applicants should refer to each provider they apply to for advice.

QUALIFICATION	Details (if applicable)
O-Levels	up to 1975 grades A-C are passes in English, and where applicable Grades 1-6, or sometimes will simply be Pass/Fail
GCE, O-, AO- and OA-level	Grade C or above in English
CSE	Grade 1 from any UK Board in English Language or English Studies
CEE	Grade I, II or III from any UK board in English
A2/AS Level	from any UK board in English Language or English Literature
A-Level	from AEB (now AQA) in English Language and Literature
O-Level	from JMB/NEAB (now AQA) in Humanities
Scottish certificate of education	Ordinary Grade, Grade C in English up to 1985 Standard Grade, Grade 3 in English or above after 1986
Scottish Higher Grade	Grade C in English
Scottish certificate of sixth year studies	Grade C in English
Irish Leaving certificate	Grade C (ordinary) or Grade D (honours), in or after 1975 in English
European baccalaureate	Pass in English as a first language or English as a foreign language
International baccalaureate	Grade 4 or above in English Language at Higher or subsidiary level
IB Middle Years Programme (MYP)	Is accepted at Grades 4 to 7 in English
BTEC first certificate	Passed at Merit or Distinction in English
BTEC national or higher national certificate	Passed at Merit or Distinction in English
University of London Exams and Assessment Council	certificate of attainment in English at level 4 or above
RSA stage III	(Advanced) in English
IGCSE (International GCSE)	(International GCSE) English Language or English Literature from Edexcel or CIE

GCSE English (Double Award)	Must be graded CC in English
Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 Certificate in English Language	Grade C or above
GCSE Equivalency Tests	Educate Teacher Training www.educateteachertraining.co.uk/gcse-equivalence A Star Equivalency https://astarequivalency.co.uk/ Birmingham City University https://www.bcu.ac.uk/education-and-social-work/initial-teacher-training/gcse-equivalency-tests-non-bcu-applicants Maths Made Easy https://mathsmadeeasy.co.uk/
Access to Higher Education	12 credits at Level 2 in English Language N.B. From the academic year 2014, GCSE equivalence will no longer be regulated. However, some courses may continue to include some level 2 units that relate to English or Maths which we may consider to be equivalent.

Keele University Equivalents Test approved as acceptable for entry

Functional Skills:

In lieu of guidance issued by the Department for Education, we are unable to accept the Functional Skills Level 2 in English as a GCSE equivalent for Initial Teacher Training courses. These include:

- PGCE Primary
- PGCE Secondary
- BA (Hons) Primary Education with QTS
- BA (Hons) Primary Teaching Studies with QTS
- Assessment Only Route to QTS

Functional Skills Level 2 in English CAN be used to meet the GCSE requirement for our BA (Hons) Psychology single and joint honours programmes.

Reformed Functional Skills:

Please be aware that the Reformed Functional Skills cannot be used as a GCSE English equivalent for Initial Teacher Training courses. These include:

- PGCE Primary
- PGCE Secondary
- BA (Hons) Primary Education with QTS
- BA (Hons) Primary Teaching Studies with QTS
- Assessment Only Route to QTS

Reformed Functional Skills CAN be used to meet the GCSE requirement for our BA (Hons) Psychology single and joint honours programmes.

Cambridge English Level 2 Award in ESOL Skills for Life (QCF)

This can be used to meet the GCSE English Language requirement for Psychology programmes only. We cannot accept this qualification to meet the GCSE English Language requirement for ITT courses.

ESB ESOL Skills for Life Level 2

This can be used to meet the GCSE English Language requirement for Psychology programmes only. We cannot accept this qualification to meet the GCSE English Language requirement for ITT courses.