



SCIC Course - IELTS™ Score Equivalencies

The Equivalency Chart below shows the English proficiency level of SCIC students completing each level of the SCIC General English (GE) and English for Academic Purposes (EAP) Courses and their IELTS score equivalent. The [International English Language Testing System \(IELTS\)](#) is a standardised assessment used by university offices worldwide for admissions purposes. Please note these equivalencies are indicative measures only and to be used for setting SCIC level requirements for Articulation Agreements. Comprehensive information on the SCIC GE and EAP Courses is provided separately.

General English Course Levels	Course Entry Level	Course Exit Level	Durations
Beginner	Nil	IELTS 3.5	10 weeks
Elementary	IELTS 3.5	IELTS 4.0	12 weeks
Pre-intermediate	IELTS 4.0	IELTS 4.5	12 weeks
Intermediate	IELTS 4.5	IELTS 5.0	12 weeks
Upper-intermediate	IELTS 5.0	IELTS 5.5	12 weeks
Advanced	IELTS 5.5	IELTS 6.0	12 weeks

*Durations are approximations, and actual durations will depend on individual students' learning pace

SCIC EAP Levels	Course Entry Level	Course Exit Level	Durations
EAP 1	IELTS 4.5	IELTS 5.0	10 weeks
EAP 2	IELTS 5.0	IELTS 5.5	10 weeks
EAP 3	IELTS 5.5	IELTS 6.0	12 weeks
EAP 4	IELTS 6.0	IELTS 6.5	12 weeks
EAP 5	IELTS 6.5	IELTS 7.0	12 weeks

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Explanation of Levels

General English

Beginner

- Develops English language skills sufficient to commence a course of study requiring an entry level of IELTS 3.5
- Can understand slow clear speech on basic topics.
- Can read short, simple texts on basic topics.
- Can talk, and ask and answer simple questions, about basic topics.
- Can write short, simple texts on basic topics.

Elementary

- Develops English language skills sufficient to commence a course of study requiring an entry level of IELTS 4.0
- Can understand slow clear speech on basic topics
- Can read short, simple texts on basic topics
- Can talk, and ask and answer simple questions, about basic topics
- Can write short, simple texts on basic topics

Pre-Intermediate

- Develops English language skills sufficient to commence a course of study requiring an entry level of IELTS 4.5
- Can understand straightforward spoken information on familiar topics.
- Can read straightforward factual texts on familiar subjects.
- Can talk, and exchange information and opinions, about familiar topics.
- Can write simple connected texts on familiar subjects.

Intermediate

- Develops English language skills sufficient to commence a course of study requiring an entry level of IELTS 5.0
- Can understand the main points of clear speech and recordings on common topics.
- Can understand the main points of descriptive and narrative texts on common subjects.
- Can give a talk and maintain a conversation about common topics.
- Can write straightforward connected texts on common topics.

Upper-Intermediate

- Develops English language skills sufficient to commence a course of study requiring an entry level of IELTS 5.5



- Can understand standard spoken language, live or recorded, on a range of topics.
- Can read complex texts on a range of subjects and understand the main points.
- Can communicate fluently on a range of topics.
- Can write clear detailed texts expressing ideas and feelings and describing events.

Advanced

- Develops English language skills sufficient to commence a course of study requiring an entry level of IELTS 6.0
- Can understand explicit and implicit ideas in demanding, longer written texts.
- Can understand fast spoken language, live or recorded, on a range of topics and in a range of accents.
- Can express him/herself fluently and spontaneously, using appropriate language for various purposes and social contexts.
- Can write clear, well-structured and cohesive texts on complex subjects.

Explanation of Levels

EAP 1

The learner can:

- Develops English language skills sufficient to commence a course of study requiring an entry level of IELTS 5.0 or equivalent
- Understand and recount the topic and main points of written and spoken texts
- Write a coherent connected text on a topic, based on research and using a mixture of simple and compound sentences
- Describe experiences and give reasons and explanations for opinions
- Participate adequately in a discussion of a topic based on previous reading Plan and deliver a short presentation

EAP 2

The learner can:

- Develops English language skills sufficient to commence a course of study requiring an entry level of IELTS 5.5 or equivalent
- Adequately express views on concrete and abstract topics
- Read an information text with overall understanding of content
- Summarise information in written and spoken forms
- Write a coherent, connected, extended text on a topic, using complex sentences
- Form an argument in both written and spoken forms
- Write an evaluation of a text or presentation Take notes while listening to a lecture or presentation with overall understanding of content



EAP 3

The learner can:

- Develops English language skills sufficient to commence a course of study requiring an entry level of IELTS 6.0 or equivalent
- Communicate with relative confidence on abstract and concrete topics
- Successfully engage in discussion of a variety of topics, offering opinions and perspectives
- Read a complex text with understanding of theme and main ideas, and substantial understanding of details
- Read an extended information text with substantial understanding of content
- Offer coherent written or spoken evaluation of a text or presentation
- Take generally accurate notes, with understanding of content, while listening to presentations or lectures Write an extended and coherent discussion of a topic in report or essay form, with correct referencing

EAP 4

The learner can:

- Develops English language skills sufficient to commence a course of study requiring an entry level of IELTS 6.5 or equivalent
- Communicate fluently and intelligently on concrete and abstract topics
- Engage in prepared and spontaneous discussion on a variety of topics, offering alternative viewpoints, agreement and disagreement
- Read an extended analytical or critical text with comprehensive understanding
- Give a well-organised, coherent presentation, successfully incorporating visual material
- Take substantially accurate notes, with relative ease and comprehensive understanding, while listening to presentations and lectures
- Write an extended, clearly organised discussion, in report or essay form, including argument, with correct referencing



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EAP 5

The learner can:

- Develops English language skills sufficient to commence a course of study requiring an entry level of IELTS 7.0 – 8.0 or equivalent
- Communicate confidently and extensively on concrete and abstract topics, using fluent speech and substantially accurate grammar
- Participate confidently in prepared and spontaneous discussion, including analysis and response to other opinions and viewpoints
- Read an extended critical text with comprehensive understanding and offer critical response
- Give a detailed critical review, written and spoken of a text or presentation
- Take accurate and well-organised notes, with comprehensive understanding, of lectures or presentations, and offer critical response Write an extended, clearly organised piece of argumentation, in report or essay form, using a range of sources showing control of referencing conventions