School of Politics, Economics and International Relations
Look behind the headlines

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Welcome to the School of Politics, Economics and International Relations

SPEIR is an exciting and dynamic place to learn. We encourage our students to look beyond the headlines and understand the forces shaping our world today. Our students graduate with knowledge of recent developments in the global economy and how these are linked with political changes at the national and international level. The specialist expertise in economic and political analysis prepares our students for challenging international roles.

The school’s diverse staff are leading scholars in their fields, and have been trained in institutions across the world. All are highly regarded specialists, as well as excellent teachers. Our experts are actively involved in research that informs policy decisions and our staff have undertaken projects for international governments.

Key Features

**Enriching learning environment**
A wide variety of student-centred teaching methods, from traditional lectures to simulation activities and multimedia online tutorials.

**A collaborative approach**
Our students learn in a relaxed and supportive atmosphere with a high level of individual care. Our staff of distinguished professors and lecturers are involved in innovative, cutting edge research and pass on their enthusiasm and expertise.

**An International perspective**
Our students benefit from small, interactive seminar groups where they engage in dynamic discussion with students from around the world.

**Commitment to student employability**
With a dedicated Development Officer on hand to help students search, secure and succeed in placement opportunities.
An international reputation

The University of Reading
We are ideally located, just 25 minutes by train from central London, in the thriving town of Reading.

With a history spanning three centuries, we are ranked by The Times and rated in the top one per cent of the world among the UK’s most research-intensive institutions. Our achievements have been recognised by winning the Queen’s Anniversary Prize for Higher Education on four occasions, alongside a wide range of other awards for teaching, research and enterprise.

Established as a leading force in UK higher education, we continue to build on our success. Our ambitious multimillion pound investment programme is delivering twenty-first-century facilities, strengthening our international reputation for quality teaching, research and enterprise.

Internationally renowned research expertise
Research, both within the School and at the University of Reading, is at the heart of everything we do. Our current expertise spans areas ranging from: econometrics to macroeconomics; banking and finance to development economics; emerging markets to spatial and housing economics; diplomacy to globalisation strategy and defence; political and economic integration to public ethics.

We are home to around 50 full-time academic staff, spanning seven leading research centres, the majority of whom are widely published and research-active experts in their respective areas. Our staff also undertake funded research projects and provide consultancy services to multinational organisations, governments and international agencies.

Our research centres
- Centre for the Study of Development Economics and Emerging Markets
- Reading Ethics and Political Philosophy
- The Centre for Institutional Performance
- The Centre for Spatial and Real Estate Economics
- The Centre for Strategic Studies
- The Economic Analysis Research Group
- The International Centre for Housing and Urban Economics

‘My time at Reading was truly excellent. It offers a unique combination of vibrant academic expertise and excellence within a supportive teaching and learning environment. Approaching the end of my studies, I really believe that I have gained far more than what I was initially aiming for.’

Stela Cani graduate
Listening to our students

We value the opinions and continued input of our students, operating a Student/Staff Liaison Committee which seeks to provide a forum in which any issues can both be raised and openly discussed within both Departments. It is a consultative body and consists of both members of staff and student representatives. This ongoing feedback allows us to adapt and enhance our programmes and the overall experience we provide.

A truly international experience

In total, we welcome around 100 postgraduate students on to our masters programmes each year and we are proud of our friendly and inclusive international community. Throughout your studies you will be working in groups featuring students from all over the world, further emphasising the international nature and relevance of your degree.

This global dimension adds significant value to both the academic and social experience, allowing you to network with, and learn from, fellow students from a wide range of backgrounds, and share different perspectives and experiences.

‘Studying at Reading was a great experience as it is one of the leading universities in the UK. I met different people from a range of cultures and enjoyed an advanced academic education.’

Evangelos Venizelos graduate
Teaching and assessment

A high level of ongoing support
You will enjoy a wide range of ongoing support, from application to graduation and beyond. Alongside the valuable input and support you will receive from your lecturers and fellow students throughout your studies, upon enrolment you will also be assigned a personal tutor who you can meet with to discuss any issues or questions during your studies.

How we teach you
You will learn through an engaging mix of lectures and interactive tutorials, which give you the opportunity to discuss and explore the subject material in depth with your lecturers and fellow students. You will engage with the latest news and cutting-edge research, applying your knowledge and abilities to real-world situations.

The structure of your masters degree
Each of our postgraduate programmes features a combination of core and optional modules, which vary depending on your choice of degree. This provides you with greater flexibility, allowing you to tailor your masters towards your individual needs and interests. You will complete up to 10 taught modules during your degree, totalling 180 credits. One module usually equates to 20 credits or 200 hours of work, of which there are typically 20 hours of lectures and 180 hours of guided independent study.

How we assess your progress
You will be assessed through written assignments, group presentations and formal examinations, designed to develop your communication, leadership, team working, presenting and other vital transferrable skills, whilst testing both your knowledge and your ability to apply concepts to real-life situations.

The exam period is during the summer term, between April and June. You will submit a dissertation or applied research project in September.
MA in Public Policy

The one-year degree offers strong training in research methods relevant to public policy, coupled with the ability to specialise in the economics or politics of public policy (or combine the two) and the opportunity to undertake an extended project linked to a placement. The programme is designed to appeal to those wishing to follow careers in the public service or in NGOs, including international agencies.

Particular features of the programme include:

• Opportunity to take part in a relevant work placement, which will tie in with your area of interest. The School’s dedicated Development Officer will assist in securing the placement.
• Dynamic modules which will allow you to specialise in economic or political policy, or combine the two.
• Ideal for students looking to enhance career prospects in the ever changing world of the public sector.

Core modules

• Economics of public policy
• Politics of public policy
• Research training
• Dissertation or applied research project and placement/internship

Optional modules

You will also select from a wide range of optional modules allowing you to specialise in areas including:

• Global and regional governance and institutions
• Security and rights in the modern world
• International development and emerging markets
• Sustainable environments
• Welfare and social policy
MSc Business Economics

This Masters course provides an advanced insight into business, both at organisational and industry level, focusing in particular on areas including international business strategy, regulation and key research methods.

You will utilise techniques and evidence in order to understand how industries are structured, how organisations behave within them and the impact of these factors on their performance.

This course is designed for graduates either seeking to continue their studies on to the PhD level in the area of business economics or seeking career opportunities that require greater analytical skills.

The latter may include working as a researcher at think-tanks, working in consultancy organisations and positions within government that require greater research/analytical skills.

### Core modules
- Research methodology
- Quantitative research methods
- Economics of corporate strategy
- Topics in business economics
- Small business economics
- Regulation
- Strategic diversity and the political economy of multinationals
- Dissertation or applied research project

### Optional modules
In addition, students must take 40 credits (20 credits if doing the dissertation module) of electives chosen from:
- The economics of the multinational enterprise
- The microeconomics of banking
- The economics of financial markets
- The economic foundations of corporate finance
- Advanced econometrics
- Business and financial forecasting

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MSc Emerging and Developing Economies

This Masters programme combines theory and practice to provide you with a strong grounding in international development both in the fast growing emerging economies of Asia, Africa and Latin America as well as in relation to the problems of development in countries across the world. It encourages you to analyse the political economy of development, the strategic behaviour of organisations, governments and consumers in developing and emerging economies.

Core modules

- Microeconomic policy
- Macroeconomic policy
- Research methodology
- Quantitative research methods
- Economic development in emerging markets
- Economics of development
- Dissertation or applied research project

You will also select optional modules, spanning areas including development, international finance, international business, and small business economics.

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MSc International Business and Economic Development

This Masters course explores the highly significant interdependence between international business and economic development. You will examine both the collaborative and confrontational roles of multinational enterprises and the process of economic growth, development and transformation.

Utilising key techniques and evidence, you will also develop an understanding of how MNEs, competing on a global scale, interface with national or regional economies, with differing and specific needs.

**Core modules**

- Microeconomic policy
- Macroeconomic policy
- Research methodology
- Quantitative research methods
- The economics of the multinational enterprise
- Strategic diversity and the political economy of multinationals
- Economic development in emerging markets
- Economics of development
- Dissertation or applied research project

*You will also select optional modules spanning areas including international finance, small business economics and development.*
MSc Business Economics in Emerging and Developing Markets

This specialist Masters programme explores the economics of business in emerging and developing economies. You will examine whether businesses are different in emerging and developing economies and if so, how? How might such differences be dealt with both by managers in these businesses and also by policy makers who wish to maximise the benefits of these businesses. With the growth of many of these economies and the globalisation of the world economy, understanding the operation of businesses within them has become crucial for economic progress. Utilising key techniques and evidence, students will develop an understanding of how firms, competing both on a global and local scale, interface with national or regional economies, with differing and specific needs.

Core modules

- Microeconomic policy
- Macroeconomic policy
- Quantitative research methods
- Research methodology
- Small business economics
- The economics of the multinational enterprise
- Economic development in emerging markets
- Economics of development
- Dissertation or applied research project

You will also select optional modules, spanning areas including corporate strategy, urban economics, regulation and banking.
MSc the Economics of International Business and Finance

This Masters course provides you with an in-depth knowledge of the inter-relationships between the areas of finance and multinational organisations. You will examine multinational organisations and develop a strong understanding of the key economic issues underlying financial markets, assets and institutions. In addition, you will learn the basic theories which underpin financial systems, with a specific emphasis on their inter-relationship with international business firms.

### Core modules
- Microeconomic policy
- Macroeconomic policy
- Research methodology
- Quantitative research methods
- The economics of the multinational enterprise
- Strategic diversity and the political economy of multinationals
- Microeconomics of banking
- The economic foundations of corporate finance
- Dissertation or applied research project

In addition, those students choosing to do the applied research project must take the Economics of Financial Markets module.

### Entry requirements
2.1 honours degree, or equivalent, which includes a good understanding of core economics

### Duration
- 12 months (full-time)
- 24 months (part-time)

### Start Date
October

### Scholarships Available
Dean’s Scholarship
MSc the Economics of Climate Change

This Masters course combines a strong economic foundation and a wide range of interdisciplinary options (ranging from climate science to environmental law and carbon management) to help students to develop an understanding of the many facets related to climate change. You will be introduced to the theory and practice of economic analysis of real-world environmental problems and examine the economic management of a range of depletable and non-renewable resources, as well as recycling policy. After working on a range of practical case studies illustrating the effects of the adoption of more pro-environmental behaviour, you are then offered a programme of placements with key institutions to provide them with the opportunity to work on real applications over the summer period.

Core modules
- Research methodology
- Quantitative research methods
- Economic theory for climate change
- Climate change and economic policies
- Regulation
- Dissertation or applied research project

You will also select optional modules spanning areas including carbon management, energy resources, environmental law, and sustainable design and development. These electives are interdisciplinary and are offered by the School of Law; School of Human and Environmental Science; School of Agriculture Policy and Development; School of Mathematics, Meteorology and Physics; School of Construction Management and Engineering; Soil Sciences; Biological Sciences.
The MSc programme in Law and Economics aims to attract highly qualified individuals who plan to further their careers by combining these two complementary fields and developing expertise in modern economic theory and techniques, and the structuring of modern commercial transactions. The programme is designed to provide essential tools and concepts for all students interested in the intersection between law and economics.

A postgraduate law and economics degree will open many doors in more specialised areas of employment, such as law firms, European and intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations, academia, the media (journalism and broadcasting), the civil service, and other branches of public service.

**Core modules**

Students must take either of the following modules:
- Advanced issues in international commercial law
- International corporate finance and the law.

In addition, you must take one core module from the following:
- Regulation
- Microeconomic policy
- Project skills

A variety of optional modules from the Department of Economics and the School of Law are also available.
MSc Banking and Finance in Emerging and Developing Economies

This specialist Masters programme will assess how banks and financial institutions function in developing and emerging economies. They will also consider the role played by finance in facilitating or blocking economic development. Core modules provide a critical understanding of current theories and empirical research in finance as well as economic development.

**Core modules**
- Microeconomic policy
- Macroeconomic policy
- Research methodology
- Quantitative research methods
- The economics of financial markets
- International money and finance
- Economics of development
- Dissertation or applied research project

You will also select optional modules, spanning areas including development, small business economics.

**Duration**
- 12 months (full-time)
- 24 months (part-time)

**Start Date** October

**Scholarships Available**
Dean’s Scholarship

**Entry requirements**
2.1 honours degree, or equivalent, which includes a good understanding of core economics
MSc Banking and Financial Systems in the Global Economy

This Masters course provides you with an understanding of the various components of, and financial services provided by, those institutions, assets and markets which constitute the global financial system. You will explore key issues in a global context and develop a detailed understanding of the economic foundations of banking and financial markets. In addition, you will learn how to apply the theories related to financial systems to real world situations.

**Core modules**

- Microeconomic policy
- Macroeconomic policy
- Research methodology
- Quantitative research methods
- Microeconomics of banking
- The economics of financial markets
- The economics of financial regulation
- International money and finance
- Banking and the macroeconomy
- Dissertation or applied research project

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Dean’s Scholarship

**Entry requirements**

2.1 honours degree, or equivalent, which includes a good understanding of core economics and quantitative methods
MA/MRes Diplomacy

The main aim of this programme is to provide an understanding of ideas and concepts of contemporary postwar diplomacy. It is very popular with students from all over the world who have an interest in diplomacy, either for analytical or for career purposes. It is taught with a significant input of practitioners, mainly but not only British diplomats, and normally includes a tour of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London. It can also be taken as an MRes with a larger research component, as a preparation for doctoral study or further academic or professional development.

Core modules

- Contemporary diplomacy

Optional modules

- Conflict and conflict resolution
- International human rights law
- International law and world order
- International relations
- International security studies
- Political integration in the European Union
- Terrorism and security
- The United Nations, humanitarian intervention and contemporary warfare
- The origins and causes of war
- Strategic theory
MA/MRes
International Relations

This programme aims to acquaint students with the current debates in the field and their relationship to contemporary problems of world politics. It also aims to strengthen their ability for critical analysis of international relations. It offers the opportunity for specialisation in various aspects of international politics, strategic studies, international political economy, international law, international organisations, and area studies. It can also be taken as an MRes with a larger research component, as a preparation for doctoral study or further academic or professional development.

### Core modules
- International relations

### Optional modules
- Conflict and conflict resolution
- Contemporary diplomacy
- Domestic politics and foreign policies of the middle east
- EU as a global actor
- International human rights law
- International law and world order
- International political economy
- International security studies
- Modern strategy
- Political integration in Europe
- Strategic theory
- Terrorism and security
- The origins and causes of war
- War, memory and the politics of national identity
- The practice of strategy in history
- The United Nations, humanitarian intervention and contemporary warfare
- War, peace and international ethics
MA/MRes International Law and World Order

This programme introduces students to theoretical and practical approaches to the study of the separate but related disciplines of international law and international relations. Its core module, international law and world order, in particular encourages interdisciplinary scholarship. The programme encourages the ability to delineate and evaluate issues, select relevant materials and produce arguments encompassing policy, existing practice and knowledge at an advanced level in international law and international relations. Students write a dissertation of 15,000 words. It can also be taken as an MRes with a larger research component, as a preparation for doctoral study or further academic or professional development.

Core modules
- International law and world order

Optional modules
- Conflict and conflict resolution
- Contemporary diplomacy
- European Union law
- EU as a global actor
- International criminal law
- International human rights law
- International political economy
- International relations
- International security studies
- Political integration in Europe
- Terrorism and security
MA/MRes International Security Studies

This interdisciplinary course examines threats to security at many levels of modern life and the ways in which the international community, governments and other actors have sought and now seek to tackle them. It explores theories and concepts relating to international and global security, peace and strategic studies, and conflict resolution, and provides empirical knowledge of major security issues with a focus on the Cold War and post-Cold War periods. The degree is an excellent preparation for many careers in the civil and foreign service, non-governmental and international organisations, private firms and research. It can also be taken as an MRes with a larger research component, as a preparation for doctoral study or further academic or professional development.

Core modules
- International security studies

Optional modules
- Conflict and conflict resolution
- Contemporary diplomacy
- Domestic politics and foreign policies of the middle east
- EU as a global actor
- International relations
- Recent development in Euro-Asia
- Modern strategy
- Strategic theory
- Terrorism and security
- The origins and causes of war
- War, memory and the politics of
- National Identity
- The practice of strategy in history
- The United Nations, humanitarian intervention and contemporary warfare
- War, peace and international ethics
MA/MRes
Military History and Strategic Studies

The MA Military History and Strategic Studies is an interdisciplinary programme, taught jointly by the Department of Politics and International Relations and the Department of History. It seeks to help graduates develop a deep understanding of historical and political science approaches to social, cultural, political and economic dimensions of war. It gives them the opportunity to acquire advanced skills in archival and other research, to manage data qualitatively and quantitatively, and to analyse them in the light of existing literature on each subject. The MA will provide them with the research skills needed to undertake higher levels of research in the field of Military History and Strategic Studies. It can also be taken as an MRes with a larger research component, as a preparation for doctoral study or further academic or professional development.

Core modules
- Themes and issues in military history and strategic studies
- Skills and resources in military history and strategic studies

Optional modules
- The origins and causes of wars
- Strategic theory
- Modern strategy
- The practice of strategy in history
- Castle building
- The Crusades
- The Hundred Years War
- Early modern warfare
- Art and war in the 18–19th centuries
- Evacuees
- Art and war in the 20th century
- Cold War culture
- Intelligence and propaganda
MA/MRes Strategic Studies

This Master's degree is unique in that it dedicates more modules to the study of strategy (in the sense of a comprehensive way to try to pursue political ends, including the threat or actual use of force, in a dialectic of wills) than any other in the country, thus providing a comprehensive education on the theory and the historical and present practice of strategy. As such it has three obligatory core modules. Building on one that studies significant historical examples, it introduces students to the greatest texts on strategy in a further module, and in the third it provides a thorough analysis of the most important contemporary debates on strategic issues, and the challenges of defence planning in the modern world. A fourth module can be chosen freely from the other modules on offer in the Department, and by special arrangement it may be possible to attend modules offered in the History Department. These four modules are complemented by an MA dissertation which can be on any subject remotely to Strategy, including historical case studies. It can also be taken as an MRes with a larger research component, as a preparation for doctoral study or further academic or professional development.

Core modules

- Modern strategy
- Strategic theory
- The practice of strategy in history

One further module of your choice can be taken from those on offer in the Department.
Double MA Security Studies with MGIMO, Moscow

This Bologna-style two-year Master’s degree is taught entirely in English. Students can elect to take a Russian course when in Moscow, which can be a beginner’s course. The course consists of the larger British-style modules taught over 20 weeks and smaller modules as taught at MGIMO. The subject area covers general topics in the area of international relations and contemporary international affairs, but allows students to specialise on subjects relating to Russia in an international context or else on more general sub-areas such as diplomacy, media, business economics.

**Core modules**

**Reading**
- International relations
- International security studies

**Moscow**
- International political analysis
- Political process in contemporary Russia
- International conflicts and Russia’s foreign policy
- Russia and the USA in contemporary international relations
- Foundations of Russia’s Foreign Policy
- Innovation and RandD strategies
- Language module
- Megatrends and global affairs
- International organization and global governance
- Regions in international relations (East)

You will also select optional modules in both Reading and Moscow, spanning areas including international political economy, strategy, diplomacy, history of Russia, Russia-EU relations and political process in contemporary Russia. Students are also required to write a dissertation (in English) and to do an Internship (mostly in Moscow).
We are ideally located in the thriving town of Reading at the heart of the employment-rich Thames Valley, just 25 minutes by train from central London. Our students thoroughly enjoy life at the University and living in Reading, both of which have plenty to offer. There is something for everyone and you won’t have to go far to find it.

**Library and study facilities**
Our students spend much of their time on campus learning and studying. We provide a wide range of leading facilities and services to help you excel throughout your degree. Our library at the centre of campus houses over a million items, including a wide range of texts spanning all areas of business and management. You will also find silent study areas, group study rooms, PC suites and a café for when you need a well-deserved break.

**Accommodation**
Reading prides itself on being a residential university, with many of our postgraduate students choosing to live in one of ten halls of residence, providing nearly 4,000 rooms. All halls of residence are conveniently located on bus routes and within a mile of the centre of campus, and each hall has its own distinctive character, providing an enjoyable environment in which to study and relax. A variety of accommodation is available ranging from a self-catered room with shared bathroom facilities to an en-suite, fully catered room. All rooms feature broadband internet access. Postgraduate students who apply and accept an offer of a place by the appropriate deadline, usually 1 August, are guaranteed a place in halls.

**IT facilities**
Across campus you will also enjoy 24-hour PC and wireless internet access and benefit from a wide range of high-quality lecture theatres and teaching rooms, equipped with the latest technology.

Online tools, including our virtual learning environment Blackboard, are used to provide you with additional learning materials throughout your studies.

**Sport at Reading**
The University of Reading is a great place for sporting enthusiasts, with some of the best-equipped facilities of any UK university and over 50 clubs. Whether you are a complete beginner or a serious player, you can participate in your favourite sport.

Our on-campus sports centre, opened in 2006 by British Olympic rower and Reading alumnus James Cracknell, is home to outstanding indoor and outdoor facilities including an 89-station fitness studio, multi-purpose indoor courts, rugby and cricket pitches, a full-size, all-weather hockey and football pitch, an aerobics, dance and martial arts studio, squash courts and hard and grass tennis courts.

The sports centre also offers a wide choice of exercise classes, circuit training and fitness courses.
And, as you might expect from a University situated close to the River Thames, watersports receive a strong focus too. Off campus we have boathouses and a sailing and canoeing club.

**Students’ Union**

At the centre of campus is our popular Students’ Union. A hive of activity, day and night, it provides easy access to services, shopping and a ready-made social life.

The Students’ Union also runs a wide range of clubs and societies, ranging from martial arts and music to international and degree subject-related groups. And, if you can't find anything that grabs your attention, you can receive support to set up your own club or society.

A wide range of advice and support services are provided by the Students’ Union, which also serves as a voice for the student community, organising a series of campaigns throughout the year to raise awareness of key issues.

In addition, the University has a full range of services in place to care for your health and wellbeing. A purpose-built medical centre provides a full NHS service, including a dental practice and counselling service.

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**Further information**

- Life at Reading: [www.reading.ac.uk/life](http://www.reading.ac.uk/life)
- Accommodation: [www.reading.ac.uk/accommodation](http://www.reading.ac.uk/accommodation)
- Sport at Reading: [www.reading.ac.uk/sport](http://www.reading.ac.uk/sport)
- Open day dates: [www.reading.ac.uk/opendays](http://www.reading.ac.uk/opendays)

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**Reading and the surrounding area**

Reading is situated at the hub of the UK rail and road network and is just 25 minutes by train from central London. So, whether you want to spend a day in the capital, visit friends and family around the country, or explore the UK, you will be ideally located.

Reading itself offers some of the best retail and entertainment experiences in the UK. The Oracle, around a mile from campus, features shops, bars and restaurants and a multiplex cinema. Its lively riverside setting is ideal for relaxing. Our local amenities include the concert hall, outdoor theatre and the Madejski Stadium, home to Reading Football Club and the London Irish rugby team. Host to a world-famous rock festival, Reading also has a vibrant live music scene. With so much going on, you are guaranteed a great time.

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’t With outstanding sports facilities on the main Whiteknights campus, quality accommodation and all facilities within walking distance, students need never leave.’

*The Financial Times*
How to apply and further information

Postgraduate funding
All applicants holding an offer of a place will be automatically considered for a Dean’s Scholarship. Awards are usually made to students who have achieved a first-class honours, or the international equivalent, in their undergraduate degree. Applicants’ work experience may also be taken into consideration.

A range of university-wide and external sources of funding may also be available.

Career Development Loan
UK applicants can apply for a government-sponsored Career Development Loan, provided by a participating bank, borrowing between £300 and £10,000. Interest is suspended for the duration of your studies, with the loan repaid normally following graduation. For further information please visit: www.direct.gov.uk/cdl

Entry requirements
You are generally expected to have obtained a UK upper second-class honours degree, or the international equivalent. Certain programmes have additional requirements, please see individual pages for details. The table below provides an outline of equivalent international qualifications. Please submit your application or contact our admissions office for a formal decision.

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If your first language is not English, you will be required to provide evidence of proficiency. The table on the right provides an outline of acceptable tests and the appropriate level required for entry.

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