



# The University of Melbourne English Language Bridging Program (UMELBP)

## UMELBP >

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### > What is the UMELBP – alternative English Language Pathway?

The UMELBP is an alternative entry path into selected courses for international postgraduate applicants who do not meet the minimum IELTS (or TOEFL) requirements for entry into the following Faculties:

- Faculty of Architecture, Building & Planning
- Faculty of Arts
- Faculty of Economics and Commerce
- Faculty of Education
- Faculty of Engineering
- Faculty of Land and Food Resources
- Faculty of Music
- Faculty of Science

Applicants who achieve an IELTS overall score 0.5 lower than is required for entry or TOEFL equivalent score slightly below that required for entry may be admitted to the university if they successfully complete the UMELBP and achieve the required grades prior to enrolling in their university course. Applicants who are offered a place in the UMELBP will receive a conditional offer for postgraduate study and the required grades in the UMELBP must be achieved or the offer will be withdrawn.

The UMELBP is a 10-week course offered by the Hawthorn English Language Centre which assists students in developing the appropriate English research and presentation skills needed to succeed in the Australian university environment. Further details can be found on the Hawthorn English Language Centre website. On the home page, select 'Courses' and then 'UMELBP'.

See: [www.hawthornenglish.com/](http://www.hawthornenglish.com/)

## > Who is eligible to enrol in UMELBP?

- **Faculty of Architecture, Building & Planning**

To view the English language requirements for postgraduate courses offered by the Faculty of Architecture, Building & Planning please visit:

[www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/courses/pgenglishreq.html](http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/courses/pgenglishreq.html)

Applicants who achieve the following IELTS or TOEFL scores may be eligible to participate in the UMELBP:

IELTS	TOEFL (paper based test)	TOEFL (computer based test)	TOEFL (internet based test)
6.0 (no band less than 5.5)	550 + TWE 4.0	213 + 4.0 essay rating	79 + written score of 17

**Exclusions:**

1. PhD, Masters by research, Master of Architecture by Design and undergraduate students are not eligible for the UMELBP.

- **Faculty of Arts**

Applicants who achieve the following IELTS or TOEFL scores may be eligible to participate in the UMELBP.

IELTS	TOEFL (paper based test)	TOEFL (computer based test)	TOEFL (internet based test)
6.5 (minimum 6.0 in all bands)	577 + TWE 4.5	233 + 4.5 essay rating	90 + written score of 21

**Exclusions:**

1. PhD, Masters by research and undergraduate students are not eligible for the UMELBP
2. Applicants seeking entry to the following masters by coursework programs require an overall IELTS of 7.0 and a written band of 7.0 with no other bands less than 6.0 and are therefore not eligible for the UMELBP:
  - Global Media Communication
  - Global Journalism
  - Editing and Communications
  - Editing and Publishing

- **Faculty of Economics and Commerce**

To view the English language requirements for postgraduate courses offered by the Faculty of Economics and Commerce please visit:

[www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/courses/pgenglishreq.html](http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/courses/pgenglishreq.html)

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IELTS	TOEFL (paper based test)	TOEFL (computer based test)	TOEFL (internet based test)
6.0 (no band less than 5.5)	550 + TWE 4.0	213 + 4.0 essay rating	79 + written score of 17

- **Faculty of Education**

To view the English language requirements for postgraduate courses offered by the Faculty of Education please visit:

[www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/courses/pgenglishreq.html](http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/courses/pgenglishreq.html)

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IELTS	TOEFL (paper based test)	TOEFL (computer based test)	TOEFL (internet based test)
6.5 (no band less than 6.0)	577 + TWE 4.5	233 + 4.5 essay rating	90 + written score of 21

**Exclusions:**

1. Graduate Diploma in Education applicants who select Learning Areas in TESOL, English, or Language and Literacy must meet the subject requirements by achieving an IELTS score of 8.0 (with no band lower than 7.0) and are not eligible for the UMELBP
2. PhD and undergraduate students are not eligible for the UMELBP

The Hawthorn English Language Centre Achievement Award is available to Faculty of Education students. It is an annual award of \$1000 awarded to the highest achieving student in semester 2 of his/her first year of study following completion of the UMELBP. For further information visit:

[www.unimelb.edu.au/unisec/awards/education-graduate.html#4](http://www.unimelb.edu.au/unisec/awards/education-graduate.html#4)

- **Faculty of Engineering**

Qualified postgraduate and undergraduate applicants to the Faculty of Engineering may be eligible for the UMELBP.

IELTS	TOEFL (paper based test)	TOEFL (computer based test)	TOEFL (internet based test)
6.0 (no band less than 5.5)	550 + TWE 4.0	213 + 4.0 essay rating	79 + written score of 17

- **Faculty of Land and Food Resources**

The Faculty of Land and Food Resources offers the UMELBP as an option for undergraduate or postgraduate students who have achieved an IELTS score of 6.0 (no band less than 5.5) or TOEFL equivalent.

IELTS	TOEFL (paper based test)	TOEFL (computer based test)	TOEFL (internet based test)
6.0 (no band less than 5.5)	550 + TWE 4.0	213 + 4.0 essay rating	79 + written score of 17

- **Faculty of Music**

The Faculty of Music offers the UMELBP as an option for undergraduate or postgraduate students who have achieved an IELTS score of 6.0 (no band less than 5.5) or TOEFL equivalent.

IELTS	TOEFL (paper based test)	TOEFL (computer based test)	TOEFL (internet based test)
6.0 (no band less than 5.5)	550 + TWE 4.0	213 + 4.0 essay rating	79 + written score of 17

- **Faculty of Science**

The Faculty of Science offers the UMELBP as an option for undergraduate or postgraduate students who have achieved an IELTS score of 6.0 (no band less than 5.5) or TOEFL equivalent.

IELTS	TOEFL (paper based test)	TOEFL (computer based test)	TOEFL (internet based test)
6.0 (no band less than 5.5)	550 + TWE 4.0	213 + 4.0 essay rating	79 + written score of 17

## > What is the content of the UMELBP?

The course is focused on academic texts and issues with an emphasis on developing English language and study skills. The following major areas are covered:

- **Listening:** Students develop their ability to identify and analyse issues and gather important information through listening and note-taking exercises based on lectures, seminars, videos, tapes and tutorial style presentations.
- **Speaking:** By planning, researching and developing material, students will be given opportunities to further improve their seminar presentation skills. In addition, they will be given tasks that require them to confidently express, explain and support a point of view related to a given topic. Each student will make two oral presentations; the second will be a seminar presentation on the major paper developed during weeks 6, 7, 8 and 9.
- **Writing:** Throughout the course, students will be required to write in a number of writing styles, including narrative, argumentative and analytical. They will also be required to summarise, paraphrase, organise, self edit material and correctly acknowledge reference information obtained from a range of sources. The application of appropriate academic skills will form the focus of major oral and written research projects.
- **Reading:** Through the reading and analysis of a range of authentic reading materials, students will improve general academic reading skills such as predicting, skimming, scanning, identifying key words and key topics.

## > When is the UMELBP offered?

### 2007 Course Dates

- 19 February – 27 April
- 7 May – 13 July
- 30 July – 5 October
- 19 November – 21 February 2008

### 2008 Course Dates

- 25 February – 2 May
- 12 May – 18 July
- 28 July – 3 October
- 17 November – 13 February 2009

Further details can be found on the Hawthorn English Language Centre website. On the home page, select 'Courses' then 'UMELBP' and 'Course Structure and Dates'.

See: [www.hawthornenglish.com](http://www.hawthornenglish.com)

### **> Where is the UMELBP offered?**

The UMELBP is offered at the Hawthorn English Language Centre at Hawthorn - Melbourne. Further details about the location of the centre can be found at: [www.hawthornenglish.com](http://www.hawthornenglish.com)

### **> What is the cost of the UMELBP?**

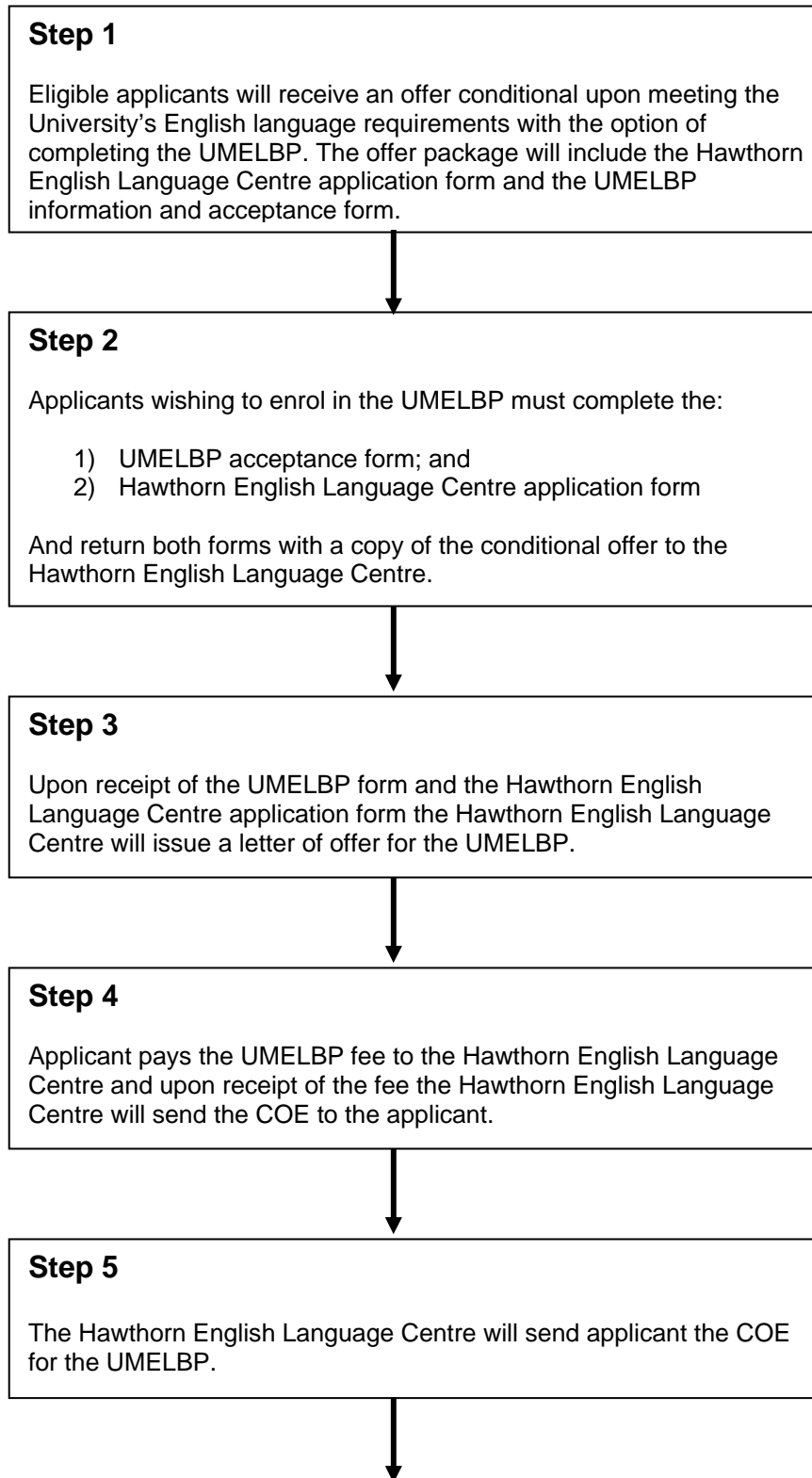
For current costs and information on tuition fees, airport reception and homestay accommodation and overseas student health cover please check the Hawthorn English Language Centre website at: [www.hawthornenglish.com/](http://www.hawthornenglish.com/)

**Overseas Student Health Cover:** This is compulsory for all students who enter Australia on a student visa.

### **> What score must I achieve in the UMELBP to be eligible to enrol at the University of Melbourne?**

Students are required to achieve at least a H2B (70%) in the UMELBP to enrol in a course which requires an IELTS score of 7.0 or higher. To enrol in a course which requires an IELTS score of 6.5 students must achieve a grade of H3 (65%) in the UMELBP.

## > What is the UMELBP application process?



**Step 6**

The University of Melbourne will provide the applicant with a conditional offer.

**Step 7**

The applicant completes the University of Melbourne Acceptance and Payment Agreement form (provided with conditional offer letter) and returns it with the COE from the Hawthorn English Language Centre to International Admissions. Payment for the tuition fees and Overseas Health Cover for the university course is not necessary at this stage.

**Step 8**

The University of Melbourne sends the COE to the applicant.

**Step 9**

The applicant applies for a student visa using both the COEs issued by the Hawthorn English Language Centre and the University of Melbourne.

# The University of Melbourne English Language Bridging Program (UMELBP) Acceptance Form

## Acceptance Agreement

Application Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Course: \_\_\_\_\_

Semester of commencement: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Family name: \_\_\_\_\_

Given names: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

- *I understand that completion of the 10-week UMELBP is a prerequisite for entry into my University of Melbourne postgraduate course.*
- *I understand that if I do not achieve the required grades in the UMELBP I will not be eligible to enrol at the University of Melbourne.*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This form is to be returned along with the Hawthorn English Language Centre application form to the following address:

**Hawthorn English Language Centre**  
442 Auburn Road  
Hawthorn, Victoria 3122  
Australia

**OR**

Fax: +61 3 9810 3242