

IH Brisbane Levels	CEF Council of Europe	IH World Level Descriptors at the end of a course:	IH World Levels	IELTS
				Approximate band score
Beginner	A1 Breakthrough	Learners can communicate at a minimal level. They would have serious difficulties in an English-speaking environment	1	1.0 – 2.0
Elementary	A2 Waystage	Learners can communicate at a basic level and can deal with some situations necessary to survive in an English-speaking environment. Their comprehension of English is limited but a foundation has been laid for further learning.	2	2.0 – 2.5
Pre-Intermediate		Learners are able to communicate adequately in simple everyday situations. Their range of vocabulary and ability to manipulate grammatical structure is developing, as is their ability to comprehend oral and written English.	3	2.5 – 3.0
Intermediate	B1 Threshold	Although their vocabulary and grammar are limited in range, learners are able to communicate in most basic everyday situations. They are beginning to deal confidently with authentic listening and reading material.	4	3.5 – 4.0
		Learners are developing their language skills and can communicate quite fluently in most everyday situations. Their ability to express more complex ideas is beginning to develop, although their language is not always accurate.	5	4.0 – 4.5
		12 week completion of this level is required for entry into some Certificate pathway programmes		
Upper-Intermediate	B2 Vantage	Learners are of approximately Cambridge First Certificate standard with a wide range of vocabulary and a command of all basic grammatical structures. They can use English in a variety of contexts and are beginning to appreciate many of the complexities of the language.	6	5.0 – 6.0
FCE / TESOL		12 week completion of this level is required for entry into Diploma level pathway programmes		
Advanced	C1 Effective Operational Proficiency	Learners are able to use a wide range of language effectively in a variety of contexts and can easily comprehend natural spoken and written English.	7	6.5 – 7.0
CAE		12 week completion of this level is required for entry into Bachelor and Master pathway programmes		
Proficiency	C2 Mastery	Learners are developing an understanding of and an ability to produce the subtleties and complexities of the language, although they may still require some work on accuracy. At the end of this course, students should be close to native speaker competence.	8	7.5 +
CPE				

You can move up to the next level by proving to your teacher that you are ready for the next level (do exceptionally well in class and on your weekly tests; complete all your homework to a very high standard) or by passing one of the 3-weekly level up tests.

If you are unsure of your progress or your level, please come and speak to one of the Academic team.