

COR1100 - Writing & Reasoning, 2025-2026 Exemption Criteria

The table below states the criteria to be used in determining exemptions from Writing & Reasoning.

Admit Type	Student Category	Type of Entry Qualification	Automatic Exemption
Local Admit Type Only	A Level	GP (H1)	A in either subject
		KI (H2)	
	International Baccalaureate	English A: Language and Literature (HL)	7 in either subject
		English A1 (HL)	
	NUS High School	EL 5101 Language in Society II and EL 6103 Language in Society III	A- & above in both subjects
		EL 5102 English for Academic Purposes (Critical Reading and Writing)	A- & above
		EL 5131 Critical Reading and Writing II: The Global Connection EL 6131 Critical Reading and Writing III: Emerging issues in a changing world	A- & above in both subjects
	Polytechnic	Polytechnic Diploma	

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International Admit Type Only	International	SAT	At least 760 for Evidence-Based Reading and Writing
		ACT (American College Test)	Component scores of at least: Reading 36 and Writing 10 (for Writing scores reported on a 2-12 scale)
		IELTS	Component scores of: Reading 9 and Writing 9
		TOEFL	Component scores of: Reading 30 and Writing 30
		Cambridge English C1 Advanced	Component scores of at least: Reading 209 and Writing 209

NOTES:

- 1) H1/H2: See SEAB descriptions of H1 and H2 (<https://www.seab.gov.sg/gce-a-level/about-gce-a-level/>)
- 2) HL – Higher Level
- 3) Law students take LAW106 Legal Research & Writing, which would meet the requirements for Writing & Reasoning.
- 4) NUS High School students who have taken EL5102, EL5101 and EL6103, EL5102 grades will be considered for Writing & Reasoning exemption instead of EL5101 and/or EL6103 grades.