

## Linguaskill and UNNC keep students on track during the pandemic



**"Linguaskill delivers a practical online test to verify the English level of a large cohort of applicants to our Preliminary Year and Pre-Sessional programmes. They offer a fast turnaround on results and test reports showcasing applicants' strengths and weaknesses in the four skills, aligned to the CEFR."**

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The University of Nottingham Ningbo China (UNNC) was approved by the Chinese education authority to initiate the Special Placement Project (SPP) (自主招生计划) during its 2022 autumn undergraduate recruitment process. The programme was launched to allow Chinese students who were unable to study overseas as planned due to the pandemic to study at UNNC. Based on subject quotas and the order of applications received, selected applicants were screened using Linguaskill as part of UNNC's comprehensive admissions process.

### Ensuring successful course placement

As a renowned university, UNNC's assessment of students' English language ability is an integral part of the recruitment process, reviewed by the Centre for English Language Education (CELE) for the Special Placement Project. CELE decided to use Linguaskill for its undergraduate SPP admissions after the test was successfully adopted for admission onto their PG pre-sessional course. All undergraduate SPP applicants were asked to take Linguaskill locally with remote proctoring as part of the UNNC admissions process.

### Secure and reliable remote English language testing

More than 1,000 applicants across China completed the Linguaskill sessions remotely over several consecutive days in August 2022. Secure and reliable, the online test ran smoothly. The Linguaskill China support team directly answered queries from applicants and parents, resolving any technical issues in real time. The test's strict identity verification and remote proctoring system effectively ensured the fairness and integrity of the test.

### Fast, accurate results reporting

CELE spoke highly of the efficiency and delivery of the Linguaskill test, as well as its ability to accurately measure scores, meeting the admission requirements of the Special Placement Project. Linguaskill test reports are accurate and easy to read, providing scores aligned to the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) and the Cambridge English Scale, as well as scores for each of the four skills tested: listening, reading, speaking and writing. Results are available in 48 hours for all skills, with Reading and Listening provided instantly.

### A quality test to meet a wide range of needs

Linguaskill has helped many institutions design and deliver English language assessments in different situations, and for various purposes. The tests have been used to recruit students for undergraduate and postgraduate studies, as well as for placement and progress testing. Linguaskill aims to assist more universities and teachers around the globe to comprehensively and accurately assess their students' English abilities.

### At a glance

**Institution:** University of Nottingham Ningbo China (UNNC)

**Location:** Ningbo, Zhejiang, China

**How the test is used:** Admissions

### About

The University of Nottingham Ningbo China (UNNC) was the first Sino-foreign university to open its doors in China. Established in 2004, UNNC has full approval from the Chinese Ministry of Education and is run by the University of Nottingham in partnership with Zhejiang Wanli Education Group, a key player in the education sector in China. UNNC has over 8,000 students, of which 7% are from Hong Kong, Macao, Taiwan and overseas countries. Staff and students come from 70 countries and regions around the world.

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### About Linguaskill

Linguaskill is a quick and convenient online test to help higher education institutions and employers check the English levels of individuals and groups of candidates. Supported by artificial intelligence technology, it provides fast, accurate results and clear individual and group reports. Results are aligned to the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR), the international standard for describing language ability.

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