

IUPUI GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL ENGLISH PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-NATIVE SPEAKERS OF ENGLISH

HISTORICAL RATIONALE:

- With the exceptions of the IU-Graduate School and the Purdue Graduate School, few other graduate or professional programs at IUPUI had a minimum language proficiency standard for international students admitted to their programs.
- Some programs were not making an effort to determine language proficiency of non-native speakers before or after admission. Others merely needed guidance about what constitutes English proficiency.
- The campus as a whole and the Office of International Affairs (OIA) in particular often found its integrity compromised by the lack of a minimum standard. Visa documents require that OIA attest to a student's language proficiency. Because of the lack of campus-wide standards, OIA was asked to certify English proficiency for some students of questionable proficiency. This situation violated the standards of good practice for International Affairs officers.
- Standardized tests of English as a second language proficiency that measure students' preparedness for academic study are the most reliable measures of language proficiency. Personal interviews and telephone conversations are unreliable.

POLICY:

Effective with students admitted for fall 2000 and thereafter, to gain admission, all graduate and professional applicants to IUPUI whose native language is not English must demonstrate proficiency in English as a second language. This policy thus applies to students enrolling in all graduate level programs including graduate certificate programs. Applicants who hold a bachelor's degree or a doctoral degree from an accredited university in the U.S. or an officially recognized university in a country where English is the predominant native language will be deemed proficient. A list of countries where English has been determined to be the predominant language is appended. All other students must perform satisfactorily on a standardized test of proficiency in English as a second language that measures students' preparedness for academic study. At this time, these are the acceptable examinations and minimum scores:

- TOEFL iBT web-based test – minimum score = 79
- TOEFL paper-based test – minimum score = 550
- IELTS test – minimum score = 6.5 [effective Fall 2014]
- Successful completion of the IUPUI Program for Intensive English (PIE) Level 7
Successful completion of ELS Language Centers Intensive Level 112
- Pearson Test of English – Academic (PTEA) – minimum score = 54
- IUPUI EAP Placement Exam administered by the EAP program – minimum placement = no course below ENG G513/G520. *Note: Available by department referral process only for local graduate applicants*
- Other objective tests of EAP proficiency and minimum scores as agreed upon by the English for Academic Purposes Program and the Office of International Affairs.

Upon arrival, all graduate and professional students admitted to IUPUI pursuant to any of the above options must take the EAP Placement Exam administered by the EAP Program before enrolling in the first semester of courses, unless they have submitted an official TOEFL iBT score at or above 100 or IELTS score at or above 7.5. Students must take the EAP courses in which they have been placed beginning in the first or second semester of enrollment at IUPUI.

The above policy is a MINIMUM standard for the campus. This policy does not preclude any department or school from setting a higher standard. For example, some departments or schools may choose to require that all non-native speakers of English will take the EAP Placement Exam regardless of previous standardized test scores or education.

ADMINISTRATION:

The implementation of this policy will be the joint responsibility of the Graduate Office of IUPUI and the Office of International Affairs at IUPUI. This policy has been developed by these offices and reviewed by the Graduate Affairs Committee and approved by the Chancellor. Changes in this policy may be made by the same process in the future. The policy is effective with student admitted for fall 2000 and thereafter.

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List of countries where English is the predominant native language

Applicants who hold a bachelor's degree or a doctoral degree from an accredited university from one of the following countries will be deemed proficient.

Anguilla	Irish Republic
Antigua	Jamaica
Australia	Montserrat
Bahamas	New Zealand
Barbados	St. Kitts & Nevis
Barbuda	St. Lucia
Belize	St. Vincent & the Grenadines
Bermuda	Tobago
British Virgin Islands	Trinidad
Canada (except Quebec)	Turks and Caicos Islands
Dominica	United Kingdom (England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, & Wales)
Grand Cayman Islands	United States of America (except Puerto Rico)
Grenada	
Guyana	

List of countries for which a TOEFL exemption may be granted

IUPUI recognizes the following countries as having English as the official language used for conducting public business and the sole language of instruction in higher education. **At the recommendation of their academic programs,** applicants with a bachelor's or doctoral degree from an accredited university in one of these countries may be admitted for graduate study at IUPUI without presenting additional evidence of English proficiency.

Students offered admission under this category will be required to take the IUPUI English for Academic Purposes (EAP) Test and enroll in any EAP courses that are prescribed as a result of this test. In the unlikely event the test results indicate that a student is "Not Ready for IUPUI EAP courses," the student will be referred to appropriate intensive English language instruction, with admission deferred until the student is able to demonstrate sufficient proficiency in English to begin academic studies.

Botswana	Philippines
Gambia	Sierra Leone
Ghana	Singapore
Kenya	Swaziland
Lesotho	Tanzania
Liberia	Uganda
Malawi	Zambia
Namibia	Zimbabwe
Nigeria	