

# NDNU English Language Proficiency Requirements

International students whose first language is not English are required to submit proof of English language proficiency.

## Test & Graduate Exam Score Minimum

- **TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language)**  
79 (Internet Based)  
500 (Paper Based)  
213 (Computer Based)  
60 (Revised Paper Test)
- **IELTS (International English Language Testing System)**  
6.0
- **ITEP (International test of English Proficiency)**  
4.5
- **PTE (Pearson Test of English)**  
45
- **Cambridge English Scale**  
B2
- **Duolingo**  
100
- **MET**  
58
- **GTEC**  
1175 (Computer Based)  
1127 (Paper Based)

## Are you exempt?

Citizens of the following countries are exempt from an English language proficiency requirement: Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, Botswana, British Virgin Islands, Canada (other than Quebec), Cayman Island, Dominica, Fiji, Ghana, Grenada, Guyana, Ireland, Jamaica, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Montserrat, New Zealand, Nigeria, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sierra Leone, Singapore, South Africa, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

Applicants are also exempt from the English Language Proficiency requirement if an international applicant's bachelor's degree course work was completed at an English-speaking regionally accredited college or university. For an international college or university, the institution must be listed on [WHED](#) and English must be listed as the only language to be exempt from the language proficiency assessments.

## NDNU Approved English as a Second Language Schools

An international student who attends an NDNU-approved English as a Second Language School is eligible to opt-out of the TOEFL requirement if they meet the minimum requirement of the TOEFL waiver agreement.

- [American English College](#): Level 6

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- [EF International Language Centers](#): Level C1
- [English Language Institute at UC San Diego Extension](#): Level 109
- [ELS Language Centers](#): Level 112
- [Golden Gate Language Schools](#): Level 12
- [Kaplan International](#): Advanced Level (or Institutional TOEFL exam)
- [Language Pacifica](#): Level 6
- [Language Studies International](#): Level 5
- [SJSU International Gateways](#): Complete one session of all level 800 classes OR Complete one semester of the MBP program; Receive 'B' or higher grades in all classes; Maintain 90% overall attendance in classes.
- [Stafford House](#): Advanced Level 6
- [TALK International](#): Level 9 (85% or higher grade)
- [The Language Company U.S.A.](#): Level 9 and score of 4.5 on the International Test of English Proficiency (iTEP) taken on site.