

NDNU English Language Proficiency Requirements

International students whose first language is not English are required to submit one of the following as proof of English language proficiency:

- TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language): Minimum score of 500 (paper-based total), 213 (computer-based total), 79 (Internet-based total), or 60 (Revised Paper Test)
- IELTS (International English Language Testing System): Minimum score of 6 on the Academic test.
- iTEP (International Test of English Proficiency): Minimum score of 4.5.
- PTE (Pearson Test of English): Minimum score of 45
- Duolingo: Minimum score of 100
- MET: Minimum score of 58
- GTEC: Minimum score of 1175 (computer based) or 1127 (paper based)

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

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 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

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- [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.