Students whose native language is not English must demonstrate or gain English Proficiency in order to study at Notre Dame de Namur University. There are several ways to demonstrate and fulfill the English proficiency requirement:

**1) Prior Studies In English:**

You can demonstrate English proficiency by verifying that your prior secondary or post-secondary school studies were conducted in English. You must verify all of the following:

* You completed at least two years of full-time study without ESL/EFL support classes.
* The language of instruction was English.

To verify these points, you must provide academic transcripts, along with an official letter (signed and dated) from the institution where you studied stating that the language of instruction was English if the institution is not listed on World Higher Education Database (WHED) with English noted as the only instructional language. If your high school coursework was taught in English, you may submit SAT or ACT scores in lieu of one of the approved English proficiency assessments.

**2) Citizenship in one of the following countries:** American Samoa, Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, Botswana, British Virgin Islands, Canada (other than Quebec), Cayman Islands, Dominica, Falkland Islands, Fiji, Ghana, Grenada, Guam, Guyana, Ireland, Jamaica, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Mariana Islands, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Montserrat, Namibia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Palau, Philippines, Saint Helena, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sierra Leone, Singapore, South Africa, Swaziland, Trinidad and Tobago, Turks and Caicos Islands, Uganda, United Kingdom, US Virgin Islands, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

**3) English Testing**  
Students can demonstrate English proficiency by submitting one of the following as proof of English language proficiency:

* TOEFL iBT, (Test of English as a Foreign Language): minimum score of 60 (Internet-based total)
* IELTS (International English Language Testing System): minimum score of 6.0 on the Academic test
* iTEP (International Test of English Proficiency): Minimum score of 3.6
* PTE (Pearson Test of English): Minimum score of 46
* Duolingo: Minimum score of 100
* GTEC: Minimum score of 1051

The test must have been taken within the last two years to be considered in the application process**.**

**4) Completion of a University Preparatory Level Course at an NDNU Approved English as a Second Language School**

An international student who provides a certificate of completion of an advanced, or university level preparatory course at an NDNU approved English as a Second Language School is eligible to opt-out of the TOEFL testing requirement. Please consult with the Office of Admissions for agreements with specific partner language schools.