

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

To ensure a successful academic experience at Saint Louis University, all international applicants are required to demonstrate they are proficient in the English language by submitting scores from any one of the following standardized tests:

Test Type	Minimum Score
Paper-based TOEFL (PBT)	550
Computer-based TOEFL (IBT)	80
International English Language Testing System (IELTS)	6.5
Pearson Test of English (PTE)	54
Evidence-Based reading and writing of the SAT	550
English portion of the ACT	21

Students may also submit proof that they have successfully completed a college-level English class (not an ESL class) at a accredited college or university in the United States instead of a test score.

Graduates programs may have higher minimums based on the level of English proficiency needed for their respective course of studies.

This policy emphasizes that the scores listed above indicate a minimum level of English and do not guarantee the applicant will have a command of spoken and written English; therefore international students enrolling at Saint Louis University will be required to take the Saint Louis University Writing Evaluation (SLUWE) during International Orientation.

Students scoring a 4+ on the SLUWE meet all English proficiency requirements. Students not scoring a 4+ are required to follow the recommendations by the English as a Second Language Center. These recommendations may range from exemption from ESL courses, to concurrent enrollment in ESL and a program, or full-time enrollment in ESL with no registration in graduate-level work until the desired level of English has been achieved.