**MSU English Language Proficiency requirements**

Reason or Purpose for Policy:

To assure that all applicants in a non-immigrant visa status have sufficient English proficiency to successfully complete their program of study.

Proof of proficiency in English is required for all applicants in a non-immigrant status, if their primary language is not English. Applicants must demonstrate a minimum English proficiency level of CEFR B2 for undergraduate studies and CEFR B2+ for graduate studies.

To demonstrate the required proficiency level, applicants may choose one of the following options:

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| **Demonstrating B2 English Proficiency for UNDERGRADUATE studies:** | | |
| Option | Overall minimum requirement | Subskill minimum requirement |
| [TOEFL-iBt](https://www.ets.org/toefl/test-takers/ibt/about/testing-options.html) | Overall score of **61** or more | Scores of less than **15** on an individual band will require enrollment in a corresponding [EAP course](https://international.missouristate.edu/ELI/Academic/) during the first semester of study. |
| [IELTS](https://www.ielts.org/) | Overall score of **5.5** or more | Scores of less than **5.0** on an individual subscore will require enrollment in a corresponding [EAP course](https://international.missouristate.edu/ELI/Academic/) during the first semester of study. |
| [Linguaskill](https://international.missouristate.edu/ELI/linguaskill.htm)  (Online via MSU ELI test center) | Overall score of **162** | Scores of less than **154** on an individual subscore will require enrollment in a corresponding [EAP course](https://international.missouristate.edu/ELI/Academic/) during the first semester of study. |
| [Duolingo English Test (DET)](https://englishtest.duolingo.com/test_takers) | Overall score of **95** or more | Scores of less than **95** on an individual subscore will require enrollment in a corresponding [EAP course](https://international.missouristate.edu/ELI/Academic/) during the first semester of study. |
| [iTEP Academic](https://www.itepexam.com/) | Overall score of **3.7** or more | Scores of less than **3.5** on an individual subscore will require enrollment in a corresponding [EAP course](https://international.missouristate.edu/ELI/Academic/) during the first semester of study. |
| [PTE Academic](https://www.pearsonpte.com/pte-academic) | Overall score of **44** or more | Scores of less than **44** on an individual subscore will require enrollment in a corresponding [EAP course](https://international.missouristate.edu/ELI/Academic/) during the first semester of study. |
| [GTEC](https://www.benesse.co.jp/gtec/en/) | Overall score of **1180** or more | Scores of less than **295** on an individual subscore will require enrollment in a corresponding [EAP course](https://international.missouristate.edu/ELI/Academic/) during the first semester of study. |
| [English for Academic Purposes (EAP) program at Missouri State University](https://international.missouristate.edu/ELI/Academic/) | Completion of **EAP Level B2** | Reaching **B2** in all 4 skills (writing, reading, speaking, listening) is required for completion. |

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| **Demonstrating B2+ English Proficiency for GRADUATE studies:** | | |
| Option | Overall minimum requirement | Subskill minimum requirement |
| [TOEFL-iBt](https://www.ets.org/toefl/test-takers/ibt/about/testing-options.html) | Overall score of **79** or more | Scores of less than **15** on an individual band will require enrollment in a corresponding [EAP course](https://international.missouristate.edu/ELI/Academic/) during the first semester of study. |
| [IELTS](https://www.ielts.org/) | Overall score of **6.0** or more | Scores of less than **5.0** on an individual subscore will require enrollment in a corresponding [EAP course](https://international.missouristate.edu/ELI/Academic/) during the first semester of study. |
| [Linguaskill](https://international.missouristate.edu/ELI/linguaskill.htm)  (Online via MSU ELI test center) | Overall score of **169** | Scores of less than **161** on an individual subscore will require enrollment in a corresponding [EAP course](https://international.missouristate.edu/ELI/Academic/) during the first semester of study. |
| [Duolingo English Test (DET)](https://englishtest.duolingo.com/test_takers) | Overall score of **110** or more | Scores of less than **110** on an individual subscore will require enrollment in a corresponding [EAP course](https://international.missouristate.edu/ELI/Academic/) during the first semester of study. |
| [iTEP Academic](https://www.itepexam.com/) | Overall score of **3.9** or more | Scores of less than **3.7** on an individual subscore will require enrollment in a corresponding [EAP course](https://international.missouristate.edu/ELI/Academic/) during the first semester of study. |
| [GTEC](https://www.benesse.co.jp/gtec/en/) | Overall score of **1300** or more | Scores of less than **325** on an individual subscore will require enrollment in a corresponding [EAP course](https://international.missouristate.edu/ELI/Academic/) during the first semester of study. |
| [English for Academic Purposes (EAP) program at Missouri State University](https://international.missouristate.edu/ELI/Academic/) | Completion of **EAP Level B2+** | Reaching **B2+** in all 4 skills (writing, reading, speaking, listening) is required for completion. |

Learn more about CEFR levels: <https://www.coe.int/en/web/common-european-framework-reference-languages/table-1-cefr-3.3-common-reference-levels-global-scale>

Exceptions/Waivers:

Access a list of approved exempt countries. Applicants who have completed one or more years of full-time secondary or post-secondary study in the U.S. or a country where English is the primary language, or at any other accredited secondary or post-secondary institution where English is the primary language of instruction, may be exempt, at the discretion of the Office of International Services.