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English Waiver Guidelines

Undergraduate exemptions	International Year One 2-semester	International Year One 1-semester	Undergraduate direct entry
IELTS (including One Skill Retake for IYO and IELTS Indicator for all programs)	5.5	6.5	6.5
TOEFL (including MyBest Score for IYO and TOEFL iBT Home edition for all programs)	60	79	79
TOEFL Essentials	7.0	8.5	8.5
PTEA	44	53	53
iTEP Academic	3.5	3.8	N/A
Duolingo English Test - after 07/15/2019	95	105	105+
IB	English Language or English as a First Language with C (5) or better. Not predicted scores. Qualifies for 1 Semester IYO	English Language or English as a First Language with C (5) or better. Not predicted scores.	English Language or English as a First Language with C (5) or better. Not predicted scores.
IGCSE/GCSE	English Language with C (5) or better. Not predicted scores. Qualifies for 1 Semester IYO	English Language with C (5) or better. Not predicted scores.	English Language with C (5) or better. Not predicted scores.
A Levels (A/AS)	English Language with C or better. Not predicted scores. Qualifies for 1 Semester IYO	English Language with C or better. Not predicted scores.	English Language with C or better. Not predicted scores.
US High School	Attended a US High School for 2 years or more. Qualifies for 1 Semester IYO	Attended a US High School for 3 years or more.	Attended a US High School for 3 years or more.
US Post-Secondary Institution	Attended a US University for 2 years or more. Qualifies for 1 Semester IYO	Attended a US University for 2 years or more	Attended a US University for 2 years or more
SAT	440 Evidence based Reading and Writing Qualifies for 2 Semester IYO	500 Evidence based Reading and Writing	500 Evidence based Reading and Writing
ACT	16 English and 17 Reading Qualifies for 2 Semester IYO	17 English and 19 Reading	17 English and 19 Reading
HKDSE	English Level 3 or better Qualifies for 1 Semester IYO		N/A
Malaysia SPM	English 119 with C or better Qualifies for 1 Semester IYO	English 119 with C or better	English 119 with C or better
AP	Language & Composition exam or Literature & Composition exam with 3 or better Qualifies for 1 Semester IYO		Language & Composition exam or Literature & Composition exam with 3 or better
Singapore Cambridge O-Level	English with C or better. Qualifies for 1 Semester IYO		N/A
Cambridge English: First, Proficiency, Advanced	162	176	N/A
Gaokao	110	120	120
Completion of Academic English	Level 4	N/A	Level 5
US Citizenship	Yes	Yes	Yes
African (Anglophone): Botswana, Burundi, Cameroon, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe	Yes. High school graduates from these countries where medium of instruction is English Qualifies for 1 Semester IYO		Yes. High school graduates from these countries where medium of instruction is English
Commonwealth Caribbean (Anglophone): Anguilla, Antigua & Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Trinidad & Tobago, Turks & Caicos, US Virgin Islands	Yes Qualifies for 1 Semester IYO		Yes
Australia	Yes Qualifies for 1 Semester IYO		Yes
Canada, except Quebec (French)	Yes Qualifies for 1 Semester IYO		Yes
Ireland/Irish Republic	Yes Qualifies for 1 Semester IYO		Yes
New Zealand	Yes Qualifies for 1 Semester IYO		Yes
United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales)	Yes Qualifies for 1 Semester IYO		Yes

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Graduate exemptions	Graduate Pathway 2-semester	Graduate Pathway 1-semester	Graduate direct entry
IELTS (including One Skill Retake for pathway and IELTS Indicator for all programs)	5.5-6.0 ^	6.5	6.5-7.0^
TOEFL (including MyBest Score for pathway and TOEFL iBT Home edition for all programs)	65-79 ^	79	80-100^
TOEFL Essentials	7.0	8.5	8.5-11^
PTEA	44	53	53+^
Duolingo English Test - after 07/15/2019	95	105	105+
Completion of Academic English	Level 4	N/A	N/A
US Citizenship	Yes. Qualifies for 1 term.		Yes
Bachelor's or graduate degree from a regionally accredited U.S. Institution	Yes Qualifies for 1 term		Yes
Bachelor's or graduate degree from the following countries: Botswana, Burundi, Cameroon, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe	Yes, Completion of bachelor's degree or graduate degree from these countries where medium of instruction is English Qualified for 1 term		Yes, Completion of bachelor's degree or graduate degree from these countries where medium of instruction is English
Student's first/native language is English, and they are from one of the following countries: American Samoa, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, British West Indies, Canada, England, Guam, Ireland, Mauritius, New Zealand, Scotland, South Africa, Virgin Islands, Wales.	Yes Qualifies for 1 term		Yes, for Anglophone countries see full list at: https://illinoisstate.edu/admissions/international/requirements/

[^]based on program

Estimated Academic English (AE) Level Based on Test Scores

All students take a placement test during Orientation to determine their AE level. The table below shows how your estimated level of AE compares to your standardized test score.

AE Levels	TOEFL iBT	IELTS	Duolingo
Level 1	19-29	2.0-2.5	N/A
Level 2	30-39	3.0-3.5	>54
Level 3	40-49	4.0-4.5	55-74 (Undergraduate) 55-64 (Graduate)
Level 4	50-59	5.0	75-89 (Undergraduate) 65-94 (Graduate)