

3110.3 International Admissions Requirements

The University Center for International Education will process and evaluate documents from international applicants who do not have a diploma from a U.S. senior high school accredited by the department of education of the state or territory in which it is located. International applicants are not required to have taken the ACT or SAT. International students are required to have minimum high school GPA of 2.5.

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International degree-seeking applicants whose native language is not English and who do not have a diploma from a U.S. senior high school accredited by the department of education of the state or territory in which it is located must demonstrate proficiency in English. English proficiency may be demonstrated by meeting required threshold scores on proficiency tests vetted and recommended by TESOL faculty and approved by the International Education Advisory Committee (IEAC).

Students who enter the Learning English for Academic Professional Purposes (LEAP) program and earn the LEAP Level 4 TOEFL Waiver are exempt from the requirement to take the TOEFL or IELTS.

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International applicants who wish to transfer from another regionally accredited U.S. college or university may submit a TOEFL, IELTS, or other score; students who no longer have a valid TOEFL, IELTS, or other score can petition to have their English proficiency evaluated through the Oral English Proficiency Test. Students who wish to transfer from a school in a country where English is the official language for higher education will not be required to demonstrate English proficiency.

Deleted: demonstrate English proficiency by having completed 24 hours or more credit-bearing course work taught in English with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above. The courses taken must have included at least one course in English composition (the equivalent of WSU's ENG 1100) with a C or better.¶

The English proficiency tests approved by the Faculty Senate, the transfer requirement, and the LEAP TOEFL Waiver are the only proofs of proficiency accepted for degree-seeking students. Individual departments may set higher requirements with the approval of the IEAC in consultation with senior TESOL faculty, but may not accept any other proficiency exam or lower threshold score unless the English proficiency requirement pre-dates this policy or is vetted by senior TESOL faculty and approved by the IEAC.

All international students for whom English is a second language and who have not completed a first year writing course accepted as the equivalent of ENG 1100 must take a university administered English writing placement test upon admission or during the first semester of enrollment. The results of this test will be used to place students in the appropriate basic ESL writing course and/or ESL section or ENG 1100.