

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

To ensure a successful academic experience at Saint Louis University, international applicants may be required to demonstrate proficiency in English. Applicants must demonstrate their English language proficiency through one of the following options.

Test Scores

SLU requires scores to be directly submitted by testing agencies. Applicants should allow time for the scores to be connected to their SLU application portal. International applicants may request submission of their scores from any of the standardized tests listed below. (Graduate programs may have higher minimums.) Please note SLU's ETS code for TOEFL and SAT scores is 6629. Its ACT code is 2352.

Test Type	Minimum Score
International English Language Testing System (IELTS)	6.5
TOEFL iBT (Internet-based)	80
TOEFL PBT (Paper-based)	550
TOEFL Essentials	8.5
TOEFL ITP Plus for China	627
Duolingo	110
Evidence-based reading and writing of the SAT	550
English portion of the ACT	21
Pearson Test of English (PTE)	54
AP Language & Composition	4
AP Literature & Composition	4
IB English A: Language and Literature Higher Level (Final Score)	6
GaoKao	Overall score middle of Tier 2 or better and 125/150 English (100/120 Jiangsu) Interview required by SLU faculty

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, most international students enrolling at Saint Louis University will be required to take the Saint Louis University Writing Examination (SLUWE).

Undergraduate students scoring a 4 on the SLUWE meet all English proficiency requirements. Students who do not achieve the minimum score are required to follow the recommendations by the English as a Second Language Center. These recommendations may include exemption from ESL courses, concurrent enrollment in ESL and a program, or full-time enrollment in ESL until the desired level of English has been achieved.

College-level English Course

International applicants may submit proof that they have successfully completed a college-level English course (not an ESL course) at an accredited U.S. college or university to fulfill the English language proficiency requirement.

High School Curriculum in English

International applicants who completed their entire high school curriculum or equivalent in English, regardless of the school's physical location, may request their school submit official documentation to fulfill the English language proficiency requirement.

Country of Citizenship

International applicants who are citizens of the English-speaking countries listed below are not required to submit proof of English language proficiency to complete their application for admission.

- American Samoa
- Anguilla
- Antigua, Barbuda
- Australia
- Bahamas
- Barbados
- Belize
- Bermuda
- Botswana
- British Indian Ocean Territories
- Canada (except Quebec)
- Cayman Islands
- Christmas Island
- Cook Islands
- Dominica
- Falkland Islands/Malvinas
- Fiji
- Gambia
- Ghana
- Gibraltar
- Grenada
- Guyana
- Ireland
- Jamaica
- Kenya
- Kiribati
- Liberia
- Malawi
- Marshall Islands
- Mauritius
- Micronesia, Federated States
- Montserrat
- Namibia
- Nevis, Saint Kitts
- New Zealand
- Nigeria
- Norfolk Island
- Papua New Guinea
- Pitcairn
- Puerto Rico
- Rwanda
- Saint Helena

- Saint Lucia
- Saint Vincent, Grenadines
- Sierra Leone
- Solomon Islands
- South Africa
- Swaziland/Eswatini
- Tanzania
- Trinidad, Tobago
- Turks, Caicos Islands
- Uganda
- United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales)
- United States
- U.S. Minor Outlying Islands
- Virgin Islands, British
- Virgin Islands, U.S.
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe