

**IUPUI GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL
ENGLISH PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR
NON-NATIVE SPEAKERS OF ENGLISH**

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POLICY:

▷ **To gain admission, all graduate and professional applicants to IUPUI whose native language is not English must demonstrate proficiency in English as a second language.** Applicants who hold a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited university in the U.S. or an officially recognized university in a country where English is the predominant native language (see list) will be deemed proficient. All others must perform satisfactorily on a standardized test of English as a second language proficiency that measures students' preparedness for academic study. At this time, these are the acceptable examinations and minimum scores:

- TOEFL paper-based test – minimum score = 550
- TOEFL computer-based test – minimum score = 213.
- IUPUI ESL Placement Exam administered by the ESL program – minimum placement = no course below G011 for any student who will enroll on an F-1 or J-1 visa.
- Other objective tests of ESL proficiency and minimum scores as agreed upon by the English as a Second Language Program and the Office of International Affairs.

▷ **Upon arrival, all graduate and professional students admitted to Indiana University – Purdue University Indianapolis must take the ESL Placement Exam administered by the ESL Program before enrolling in the first semester of courses.**

▷ **Students must take the ESL courses in which they have been placed beginning in the first or second semester of enrollment at IUPUI.**

NOTES:

- The above policy is a MINIMUM standard for the campus. This policy does not preclude any department or school from setting a higher standard. For example, some departments or schools may choose to require that all non-native speakers of English will take the ESL Placement Exam regardless of previous standardized test scores or education.
- Please note that such standardized tests are the most reliable measures of language proficiency; personal interviews and telephone conversations are unreliable and may not be substituted for the TOEFL or other standardized tests
- Students will not be exempted from ESL courses; thus, programs must maintain the flexibility to allow students to meet their obligations to complete ESL training early in their graduate programs.

IUPUI Office of International Affairs
List of Countries Where English is the Predominant Native Language

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Anguilla
Antigua
Australia
Bahamas
Barbados
Barbuda
Belize
Bermuda
British Virgin Islands
Canada (except Quebec)
Dominica
Grand Cayman Islands
Grenada
Guyana
Irish Republic
Jamaica
Montserrat
New Zealand
St. Kitts & Nevis
St. Lucia
St. Vincent & the Grenadines
Tobago
Trinidad
Turks and Caicos Islands
United Kingdom (England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, & Wales)
United States of America (except Puerto Rico)