

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY

Graduate Admissions

POLICY ON ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY/ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

International applicants, other visa holders, permanent residents, and exchange students whose native language* is not English must provide proof of English proficiency.

Admission

One of the following constitutes proof:

1. TOEFL
 - 550 minimum on paper-based TOEFL**
 - 213 minimum on computer-based TOEFL**
 - 79 minimum on Internet-based TOEFL**
2. MELAB
 - 77 minimum
3. IELTS
 - 6.5 minimum
4. 24 transferable credits, excluding ESL coursework, from a U.S. community college or baccalaureate institution.
5. a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited U.S. college or university
6. 1 year of study at and a diploma from a U.S. high school

***Some programs at Oakland University may require a higher level of proficiency than listed above. Applicants should examine the program description in their field of study for information about additional English proficiency requirements & furnish proof as part of the admission process.*

Admission with ESL coursework

Oakland University offers admission to non-native English speakers for those students who are academically qualified, but who have not met the English language proficiency requirement. These students may be conditionally admitted and are required to enroll in English as a Second Language (ESL) classes until proficiency is met.

One of the following constitutes proof:

1. TOEFL
 - 520-549 on paper-based TOEFL
 - 190-212 on computer-based TOEFL
 - 69-78 on internet-based TOEFL
2. MELAB
 - 73-76
3. IELTS
 - 6

Students must register for ESL courses as part of their coursework starting in their first semester of registration. ESL placement is done by the ESL Center using the Institutional TOEFL and other assessment tools. Upon completion of the individualized ESL instruction sequence, students' English proficiency will be evaluated using the Institutional TOEFL to determine whether additional ESL coursework is necessary to achieve English proficiency. The individualized ESL instruction sequence designed by the Center is not negotiable.

Satisfactory completion of the individualized ESL instruction sequence is expected within one year, but ESL coursework is required until minimum proficiency is demonstrated.

Admission to the Intensive English Program

Prospective students who do not have adequate English proficiency for admission or admission with ESL coursework to the university can be admitted to the Intensive English Program. ESL placement is done by the ESL Center using the Institutional TOEFL and other assessment tools. Upon completion of the individualized ESL instruction sequence, students' English proficiency will be evaluated using the Institutional TOEFL to determine whether additional ESL coursework is necessary to achieve English proficiency. The individualized ESL instruction sequence designed by the Center is not negotiable.

Upon completion of the Intensive English program, students may (re)apply for admission to Oakland University; applicants are evaluated using the admission criteria described above.

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☐ I have read and understand the above policy. I assert that my native language is English.

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Name _____
(Please print)

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____

A native language is a language that is acquired naturally during childhood and is usually spoken at home, as opposed to a language that is learned later in life, for example, as part of a person's formal education. Students whose native language is not English are encouraged to visit the **ESL Center to discuss any language difficulties they may have while attending Oakland University.*

Below is a list of countries with English as an official language and the language of instruction in Higher Education. Non- US applicants, with citizenship in one of the countries listed, are exempt from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) requirement.

Anguilla	Ireland, Northern	Singapore
Antigua and Barbuda	Ireland, Republic of	Solomon Islands
Australia	Jamaica	South Africa
Bahamas	Kenya	Swaziland
Barbados	Lesotho	Tanzania
Belize	Liberia	Tonga
Bermuda	Malawi	Trinidad and Tobago
Botswana	Malta	Turks and Caicos Islands
British Virgin Islands	Mauritius	Uganda
Cameroon	Montserrat	United Kingdom
Canada (except Quebec)	Namibia	Vanuatu
Cayman Islands	New Zealand	Wales
Dominica	Nigeria	Zambia
England	Papua New Guinea	Zimbabwe
Fiji	St. Kitts and Nevis	
Gambia	St. Lucia	
Ghana	St. Vincent and the Grenadines	
Gibraltar	Scotland	
Grenada	Seychelles	
Guyana	Sierra Leone	