English Proficiency – Country and Territory Exemptions – Graduate Applicants

Graduate student applicants who have completed a bachelor's or master's degree in the following countries and territories are not required to submit English proficiency test scores when applying for admission to a graduate program. We have documented that, in the countries and territories listed below, English is the primary language of instruction.

Applicants who have completed coursework in a country or territory not listed, but who have sat for IB, AP or A-levels exams or studied at an institution with U.S. accreditation, should contact International Admissions to determine eligibility. Contact International Admissions at international.admissions@emich.edu to request your ESL testing waiver.

Graduate applicants with credentials from these countries and territories must submit official credentials to have the English proficiency test requirement waived. Individual programs reserve the right to request verification of proficiency from international applicants, including those who studied in the countries listed below. Programs may also require a higher level of proficiency than the Graduate School. Consult the Graduate Catalog to find the admissions criteria for your program. These policies apply only to graduate program applicants. Students applying to undergraduate programs should refer to the policy found here: http://www.emich.edu/admissions/international/documents/esl_country_exemptions_ug.pdf

American Samoa
Anguilla
Antigua and Barbuda
Australia
Bahamas
Barbados
Bay Islands
Belize
Bermuda
Botswana
British Antarctic Territory
British Indian Ocean
   Territory
British Virgin Islands
Brunei Darussalam
Cameroon
Canada (except Quebec)
Cayman Islands
Christmas Island
Cook Islands
Dominica
Ethiopia
Falkland Islands
Fiji
The Gambia
Ghana
Gibraltar
Grenada

Guernsey
Guyana
India
Isle of Man
Jamaica
Jersey
Kenya
Kiribati
Lesotho
Liberia
Malawi
Malta
Marshall Islands
Mauritius
Micronesia
Montserrat
Namibia
Nauru
New Zealand
Niue
Nigeria
Norfolk Islands
Northern Mariana Islands
Palau
Papua New Guinea
Pitcairn Islands
Philippines
Republic of Ireland

Saint Croix
Saint Helena
Saint Kitts and Nevis
Saint Lucia
St. Vincent and the Grenadines
Seychelles
Sierra Leone
Singapore
Solomon Islands
South Africa
South Georgia and the South
   Sandwich Islands
Swaziland
The Bahamas
Tokelau
Tanzania
Tonga
Trinidad and Tobago
Turks and Caicos Islands
Uganda
U.S. Virgin Islands
United Kingdom
   (England, Scotland, Wales)
United States
Vanuatu
Zambia
Zimbabwe