

English Proficiency Requirements for the University of Illinois Springfield

Applicants whose native language is not English, including those within the U.S. as a permanent resident, must meet one of these 4 UIS English Proficiency Admission Requirements. If you meet one of the following requirements, you may petition to have your requirement waived via this form.

1. Complete a Qualifying Academic Program

U.S. High School: Official transcript showing graduation from accredited U.S. high school or U.S. Department of Defense School overseas-attended for at least 3 years

U.S. Degree: Official transcript of U.S. accredited Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's or Doctoral degree

Degrees outside of the U.S. that qualify:

1) High School Diploma or 2) College/University Degree and Citizenship from one of the below English-speaking countries (not the United States). Official transcripts and degrees will require an evaluation to be completed by a company that is a member of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES). [See here for more information.](#)

American Samoa	Dominica	Isle of Man	Norfolk Islands	Tanzania
Anguilla	England	Jamaica	Palau	Tonga
Antigua and Barbuda	Eswatini (Swaziland)	Kenya	Papua New Guinea	Trinidad and Tobago
Australia	Falkland Islands	Kiribati	Pitcairn Islands	Turks and Caicos Islands
Bahamas	Fiji	Lesotho	Scotland	Tuvalu
Barbados	The Gambia	Liberia	Seychelles	Uganda
Belize	Ghana	Malawi	Sierra Leone	United Kingdom
Bermuda	Gibraltar	Malta	Singapore	Virgin Islands
Botswana	Grand Cayman Islands	Marshall Islands	South Africa	Wales
Cameroon (Southwest, Northwest only)	Grenada	Micronesia	South Sudan	Zambia
Canada (except Quebec)	Guam	Montserrat	St. Helena	Zimbabwe
Cayman Islands	Guyana	New Zealand	St. Kitts and Nevis	
Christmas Island	Northern Ireland	Nigeria	St. Lucia	
Cook Islands	Republic of Ireland	Niue	St. Vincent & the Grenadines	

2. Achieve a Qualifying Score on an English Language Proficiency Test Accepted by UIS

Qualifying scores must have been obtained within the last 2 years, the only exception is for applicants that submit scores for a test taken more than 2 years ago is if the student has been continuously studying at a college or university within the U.S.

Test	UG Score	Grad Score	Code
TOEFL iBT/PBT	61/500	79/550	Contact test provider with code 1787.
IELTS	5.0	6.0	Request electronic copy of test report form sent to UIS
PTE	50	65	Request electronic copy of score sent to UIS
iTEP	4.0	4.5	Request electronic copy of score sent to UIS
ELS	Level 112		Request electronic copy of ELS transcripts sent to UIS

3. Complete Qualifying Courses, Degrees or Diplomas

College Level English courses

Applicants who have successfully completed with a "B" or higher Composition 1 and 2 and a Speaking course at an accredited college or university in the U.S., or one of the above listed English-speaking countries.

Earned College hours

Applicants who transfer with 60 credits and a GPA of 2.00 or better on a 4.00 scale from an accredited college or university in the U.S. or one of the above listed English-speaking countries.

Student must be enrolled at the time of application and must have maintained continuous enrollment prior to their transfer to UIS to meet this requirement.

4. Demonstrate Qualified Employment Experience

Applicants who have a minimum of two years of professional employment experience in the U.S. or one of the above listed English-speaking countries. This demonstration is subject to employer verification.