

English Waiver Guidelines

| Undergraduate Exemptions | International Year One 3-Semester | International Year One 2-Semester | International Year One 1-Semester | Undergraduate Direct Entry |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| IELTS | 5.5 | 6.5 | 6.5 | 6.5 |
| TOEFL (including MyBest Score for IYO) | 60 | 79 | 79 | 79 |
| Password | 6 | 7 | N/A | No |
| PTEA | 44 | 53 | 53 | 53 |
| MELAB | N/A | N/A | N/A | No |
| iTEP Academic | 3.5 | 3.8 | N/A | No |
| IELA | 162 | 176 | N/A | No |
| Duolingo English Test - after 07/15/2019 | 90 | 120 | N/A | English A Language and Literature (HL) OR English A Language (HL): 5 |
| Duolingo English Test - before 07/14/2019 | 50 | 70 | N/A | English First Language with C or better. Not predicted scores. |
| IB | English A Language and Literature (HL) OR English A Language (HL): 4 Qualifies for 2 Semester IYO | | English A Language and Literature (HL) OR English A Language (HL): 5 | English A Language and Literature (HL) OR English A Language (HL): 5 |
| IGCSE/GCSE | English Language with C or better. Not predicted scores. Qualifies for 1 Semester IYO | | | English Language with C or better. Not predicted scores. |
| A Levels (A/AS) | English Language with C or better. Not predicted scores. Qualifies for 1 Semester IYO | | | English Language with C or better. Not predicted scores. |
| US High School | Attended a US High School for 2 years or more. Qualifies for 1 Semester IYO | | | Attended a US High School for 3 years or more. |
| International High School (English medium of instruction) | Attended 2 years. Qualifies for 2 Semester IYO | | Attended 3 years or more. Qualifies for 1 Semester IYO | Attended 3 years or more. |
| US Post-Secondary Institution | Unviersity degree Qualifies for 1 Semester IYO | | | University degree |
| NCUK | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| SAT | 440 Evidence based Reading Qualifies for 2 Semester IYO | and Writing | 500 Evidence based Reading and Writing | 500 Evidence based Reading and Writing |
| ACT | 16 English and 17 Reading | | | 17 English and 19 Reading |
| HKDSE | Qualifies for 2 Semester IYO English Level 3 or better Qualifies for 1 Semester IYO | | | N/A |
| Malaysia SPM | English 119 with C or better Qualifies for 1 Semester IYO | | | English 119 with C or better |
| WAEC | Grade C6 in English Language | Grade C5 in English Language | N/A | N/A |
| АР | Language & Composition exam or Literature & Composition exam with 3 or better Qualifies for 1 Semester IYO | | | Language & Composition exam or Literature & Composition exam with 3 or better |
| Trinity College ISE | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Singapore Cambridge O-Level | English with C or better. Qualifies for 1 Semester IYO | | | N/A |
| Cambridge English: First | 154 | 162 | 176 | N/A |
| Cambridge English: Proficiency | 154 | 162 | 176 | N/A |
| Cambridge English: Advanced | 154 | 162 | 176 | N/A |
| Gaokao | 105; Jiangsu: 84 | 110; Jiangsu: 88 | 120; Jiangsu: 96 | 120; Jiangsu: 96 |
| Completion of Academic English | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| UTS | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| FIEC | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| African (Anglophone): Cameroon, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zimbabwe | Yes. High school graduates from these countries where medium of instruction is English Qualifies for 1 Semester IYO. Add countries: Bostwana, Burundi, Gambia, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Namibia, Sierra Leone, Swaziland, Zambia-to Anglophone | | | Yes. High school graduates from these countries where medium of instruction is English Add countries: Bostwana, Burundi, Gambia, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Namibia, Sierra Leone, Swaziland, Zambia-to Anglophone africa country list |
| Nigerian citizens | africa country list N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

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| Commonwealth Caribbean (Anglophone): Anguilla, Antigua & Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Kits & Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Trinidad & Tobago, Turks & Caicos, US Virgin Islands | Yes Qualifies for 1 Semester IYO | | | Yes |
|---|-------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Australia | Yes Qualifies for 1 Semester IYO | | | Yes |
| Canada, except Quebec (French) | Yes Qualifies for 1 Semester IYO | | | Yes |
| Ireland/Irish Republic | Yes Qualifies for 1 Semester IYO | | | Yes |
| Jiangsu | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| New Zealand | Yes Qualifies for 1 Semester IYO | | | Yes |
| Singapore | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales) | Yes Qualifies for 1 Semester IYO | | | Yes |

| Graduate Exemptions | Graduate Pathway 2-Semester | Graduate Pathway 1-Semester | Graduate Direct Entry | |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|
| IELTS | 6 ^ | 6.5 | 6.5-7.0 | |
| TOEFL (including MyBest Score for pathway) | 70 ^ | 79 | 79-100 | |
| Password | 6 | 7 | N/A | |
| PTEA | 47 ^ | 53 | N/A | |
| IELA | 169 | 176 | N/A | |
| Duolingo English Test - after 07/15/2019 | N/A | N/A | N/A | |
| Duolingo English Test - before 07/14/2019 | 55 | 70 | N/A | |
| IB | Yes | | Yes | |
| GRE Score equivalent of or higher than | Verbal: 148 | | N/A | |
| Bachelor's or graduate degree from a regionally accredited U.S. Institution | Yes Qualifies for 1 term | | Yes | |
| Bachelor's or graduate degree from an institution whose language of instruction is English (must be noted on transcript) | Yes Qualifies for 1 term | | Yes, for Anglophone countries see full list at: https:// illinoisstate.edu/admissions/international/requirements/ | |
| Bachelor's or graduate degree from the following countries: Cameroon, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zimbabwe. | Yes Qualifies for 1 term | | Yes, for Anglophone countries see full list at: https:// illinoisstate.edu/admissions/international/requirements/ | |
| Student's first/native language is English, and they are from one of the following countries: American Samoa, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, British West Indies, Canada, England, Guam, Ireland, Mauritius, New Zealand, Scotland, South Africa, Virgin Islands, Wales. | Yes Qualifies for 1 term | | Yes, for Anglophone countries see full list at: https:// illinoisstate.edu/admissions/international/requirements/ | |

Estimated Academic English (AE) Level Based on Test Scores

All students take a placement test during Orientation to determine their AE level. The table below shows how your estimated level of AE compares to your standardized test score.

| AE Levels | TOEFL iBT | IELTS | IELA | Duolingo |
|-----------|-----------|---------|------|---|
| Level 1 | 19-29 | 2.0-2.5 | 135 | N/A |
| Level 2 | 30-39 | 3.0-3.5 | 142 | >54 |
| Level 3 | 40-49 | 4.0-4.5 | 147 | 55-74 |
| Level 4 | 50-59 | 5.0 | 154 | 75-89 (Undergraduate) 75-94 (Graduate) |