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English Proficiency Waiver

International students who are applying to Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU) will be required to show their English proficiency for Academic English. NEIU accepts Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), International English Language Testing System (IELTS), and Pearson's Academic Testing (PTE). Undergraduate students and Graduate students who wish to apply and be admitted must demonstrate their proficiency to be successful in Academic English. The minimum scores for applicants are as follows:

- Undergraduate: TOEFL score (PBT 500, CBT 173, or iBT 61); IELTS (composite 6.0); or PTE 50.
- Graduate: TOEFL score (PBT 550, CBT 213, or iBT 79); IELTS (composite 6.5); or PTE 58.

International Students may have this requirement waived under certain conditions, as follows:

1. **Student has completed more than 24 credit hours in a U.S. academic institution.** When the student submits a transcript from a U.S. college institution and demonstrates that they have completed 24 credit hours, NEIU's Admissions Department will automatically waive the English Proficiency requirement.
Give the name of your US school here: _____
2. **Student did their last degree in one of the following countries in which English is the national language (circle one):** Antigua, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, Botswana, Canada (English-speaking), Cayman Islands, Dominica, Eswatini, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guyana, Ireland, Jamaica, Kenya, Liberia, Lucia, Malawi, Namibia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, South Africa, St. Vincent, Tanzania, Trinidad & Tobago, Uganda, United Kingdom, or Zimbabwe.
3. **Student studied outside the U.S. in an English medium school or college for their full last degree. All lectures, papers and exams were given in the English language. In this case, to get a waiver the student will need:**

- An official letter with an official Seal/Stamp or School Certification from their prior school or college indicating that the university's instruction method was all done in English.
- Fill out this form and provide the name of school, address of the school, and an email address of the school's Registrar

School Name: _____

Address: _____

Name of Registrar: _____

Email of Registrar: _____

Student Application Number (long, with letters and number, in your email)/
Students NEIU ID Number:

Student Last Name, First Name:

Student Major & Degree Level:

I certify that all information of my English Proficiency is true and have attached all the paperwork needed for the English Waiver.

Student Signature

Date

I have reviewed the student's school letter/school certification that the student meets the English Requirement and English Waiver is approved.

Director of International Programs Signature

Date