

English Language Proficiency

South University requires that all students possess and demonstrate a minimum level of English language proficiency required to substantially benefit from the programs offered. Applicants who completed high school or postsecondary education outside of the United States, in a country where English is not the official language, must meet one of the following:

- Holds a U.S. high school diploma or U.S. General Equivalency Diploma (GED) or international high school diploma, e.g., U.S. military base, business/diplomat expat community, etc., in which instruction is delivered primarily in English.
- Holds the equivalent (evidenced by credential evaluation) of a U.S. high school diploma from overseas institution in which instruction is delivered primarily in English.
- Completes (with passing grades in all courses) a minimum of two (2) academic terms at a regionally or nationally accredited U.S. post-secondary institution in which instruction is delivered primarily in English.
- Completes (with passing grades in all courses) English 101 and 102 at a regionally or nationally accredited U.S. post-secondary institution in which instruction is delivered primarily in English.
- Presents acceptable English Language Proficiency test scores meeting the minimum required levels set forth below.

Equivalent/Alternative English Language Programs/Test±

ELP Test	Diploma	AS/BS	Grad
TOEFL - Paper	480	500	550
TOEFL - i-BT (internet based test)	54-55	61	79-80
American College Testing (ACT) English Paper	17	19	21
EF International Language Schools	C1	C1	C2
ELS Language Schools	Level 108	Level 109	Level 112
iTEP	4.0	4.5	5.0
Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (Also known as the MELAB or Michigan Test)	73	80	85
Pearson	42	44	53
Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) Verbal Score**	420	526	572
Students from Puerto Rico: Prueba Aptitud Academica (PAA) English Proficiency Section	453*	526	572
TOEIC (Academic Test)	650	700	750
I.E.L.T.S. (A Cambridge University Exam)	5.5	6.0	6.5
Duolingo***	N/A	N/A	105

*The scale for The Prueba Aptitud Academica has changed and now closely reflects the SAT.

**As of April 2005, the SAT verbal test is replaced with the SAT critical reading test.

***Duolingo is only accepted for graduate programs.

±The University will evaluate other tests and programs on an individual basis to determine eligibility for English Language Proficiency.