

English Proficiency Requirements

Students whose native language is not English must demonstrate or gain English proficiency in order to study at Azusa Pacific University. There are several ways to demonstrate and fulfill the English proficiency requirement:

1. Prior studies in English

Students can demonstrate English proficiency by verifying that their prior studies (secondary or postsecondary school) were conducted in English. Students must verify all of the following:

- Completed at least 48 academic semester units without ESL support/classes.
- Studies in English ended no more than two years before applying to APU.
- The language of instruction was English.

To verify these points, students must provide academic transcripts along with an official letter from the institution where they studied stating that the language of instruction was English.

2. English testing by one of the following two options:

A. International standardized English tests (TOEFL and IELTS)

Students can demonstrate English proficiency by submitting a TOEFL or IELTS score report that meets or exceeds the requirements listed below. The university considers the component scores for admissions.

IELTS

	Total (Top Score: 9)
Conditional ¹	5.5
Undergraduate	6.0
Graduate	7
Doctorate	8

TOEFL

	Listening (Top Score: 30)	Reading (Top Score: 30)	Writing (Top Score: 30)	Speaking (Top Score: 30)
Conditional ¹	16	16	18	15
Undergraduate	20	20	22	18
Graduate	22	22	24	22
Doctorate	25	25	25	25

¹ Note that even with a high enough total score, you may be required to take ALCI or TESL 100 depending on subset scores or other indicators in your applications. TESL 100 is a university-level course that provides additional support to meet the English proficiency requirement, and it counts toward graduation requirements. In addition, you can take more academic units along with TESL 100.

Scores	IELTS: 5.5	
	TOEFL Speaking: 15-17	Corresponding English Course: TESL 100
	TOEFL Listening: 16-19	
Scores	IELTS: 5.5	
	TOEFL Reading: 16-19	Corresponding English Course: TESL 100
	TOEFL Writing: 18-21	

B. APU English placement test

Students can also demonstrate English proficiency by taking a placement test through the American Language and Culture Institute (ALCI) (<https://www.apu.edu/international/alci/>). This placement test is administered on campus at APU or online. Contact the International Center (<https://www.apu.edu/international/>) for schedules, fees, and locations for the APU English placement test.

3. Completion of an intensive English language program at APU

ALCI is an intensive English language program at APU. Those who qualify academically for undergraduate or graduate admission to APU and choose to fulfill the English proficiency requirement through study in the ALCI program are offered conditional admission to the university. Successful completion of

Level 4 is the minimum proficiency level for undergraduate students, and Level 5 for graduate and professional students, to continue academic programs after ALCI studies. Students must submit a separate application for ALCI.