

LATEST REVISION PROPOSED: (GER and Second Degree) (page 49, 2008-2009 Undergraduate Bulletin)

2). Students with a bachelor's degree-

students coming from another university or from YSU with an already-completed bachelor's degree do not have to complete any general education requirements at YSU unless *specific courses previously not taken* are required by the new major.

English Proficiency Standards for Foreign Students

New Policy.

5. All applicants for whom English is a second language must present evidence of proficiency in the English language in one of the following ways:

- An official Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of 500 or higher (paper & pencil test) or a computer-based score of 173 or higher, or a score of 61 or higher on the Internet Based TOEFL test (iBT) sent directly from the Educational Testing Service (ETS). Scores over two years old by the beginning of the term you wish to enter are not acceptable unless you have been attending a secondary or postsecondary institution where English is the medium of instruction in a country where English is an official language. Proficiency may also be demonstrated by a minimum score of 69 on the Michigan English Language Assessment Battery Test (MELAB), STEP (score of GRADE 1), IELTS with a score of 5.5 composite (with at least 5.0 on each sub-score) as acceptable evidence of English Language Proficiency or a minimum score of 950 on the SAT II English Language Proficiency Test.. Antigua & Barbuda, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, Botswana, the British Caribbean and British West Indies, Canada (except Quebec), Cook Islands, Dominica, Fiji, Gambia, Ghana, Granada, Guyana, Ireland, Jamaica, Kenya, Kiribati, Liberia, Mauritius, Micronesia, Namibia, Nauru, New Zealand, Nigeria, Niue, Northern Mariannas, Papua-New Guinea, St. Christopher Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Swaziland, Trinidad & Tobago, Uganda, United Kingdom and the United States (except Puerto Rico), Zambia, Zimbabwe, are native English-speaking countries. Therefore citizens from the above countries are exempt from the TOEFL or MELAB, but must submit the SAT or ACT if they are attending U.S. high schools or international schools that follow the U.S. high school curriculum.

Students may also be referred to enroll in CISP's full-time English Language Institute (ELI); for information call 330-941-2336 for applications. Successful completion of the English Language Institute at YSU fulfills the proficiency requirement (determined by Institutional TOEFL and classroom assessment).

Note: Evidence of proficiency is waived for applicants educated in English-speaking countries as defined in the YSU catalog.

Proposed Undergraduate Bulletin language, should all recommendations be accepted. (page 13-14 in the 2008-2009 Undergraduate Bulletin)

5. English Language Proficiency

Applicants whose education is from an English-medium secondary or postsecondary institution in the following countries are exempt from the standardized English proficiency testing requirement: Antigua & Barbuda, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, Botswana, the British Caribbean and British West Indies, Canada, Cook Islands, Dominica, Fiji, Gambia, Ghana, Granada, Guyana, Ireland, Jamaica, Kenya, Kiribati, Liberia, Mauritius, Micronesia, Namibia, Nauru, New Zealand, Nigeria, Niue, Northern Mariannas, Papua-New Guinea, St. Christopher Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Swaziland, Trinidad & Tobago, Uganda, United Kingdom and the United States (except Puerto Rico), Zambia, and Zimbabwe. International students who graduate from an English-medium secondary school in the United States are required to submit either the ACT or SAT.

All other applicants for whom English is a second language must present evidence of proficiency in the English language in one of the following ways:

- 1) Official Test Score on a Recognized Standardized Test
 - a) Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) directly from the Educational Testing Service (ETS) with a minimum score of:
 - i) 500 or higher on the paper & pencil test
 - ii) 173 or higher on the computer-based test, or
 - iii) 61 or higher on the Internet Based TOEFL test (iBT)
 - b) a minimum score of 69 on the Michigan English Language Assessment Battery Test (MELAB)
 - c) a minimum score of 5.5 composite on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS)
 - d) a minimum score of GRADE 1 on the Society for Testing English Language Proficiency (STEP) Test
 - e) a minimum score of 950 on the SAT II English Language Proficiency Test

- f) Applicants whose standardized test score is below the minimum may be admitted, at the discretion of the University, if there is compelling additional evidence of English language proficiency commensurate with academic study at YSU.
- 2) Successful completion of 24 semester hours of college-level coursework from an accredited **English-medium** college in the United States or another country where English is **an official** language.
- 3) Students may also be referred to enroll in CISP's full-time English Language Institute (ELI); for information call 330-941-2336 for applications. Successful completion of the English Language Institute at YSU fulfills the proficiency requirement (determined by **examination** and classroom assessment).
- 4) **Students may be required to enroll in supplemental noncredit courses in English as a Second Language**

Proficiency testing is also available **by special arrangement**. YSU's Center for International Studies and Programs (CISP) administers both the institutional TOEFL and the MELAB. These scores are valid at YSU only.