

English Proficiency Requirements

Johnson & Wales University recognizes a number of examinations as proof of English proficiency. Acceptable proof of English proficiency may include one of the following comparable English proficiency examinations (English proficiency examinations cannot be older than two years). Please note that total exemption from ESL may require meeting both the overall score and individual subscores.

Examination	Score		Subscores (recommended)	
	Undergraduate	Graduate	Undergraduate	Graduate
IELTS (International English Language Testing System, Cambridge)	6.0	6.5	5.5 or higher	6.0 or higher
Duolingo English Test (DET)	105	110	90	90
TOEFL iBT (Test of English as Foreign Language, Internet, ETS)	75	80	15 or higher	18 or higher
TOEFL Essentials	8	8.5		
PTE Academic (Pearson Test of English) Online or at-home option	53	53	43 or higher	43 or higher
TOEFL PBT (Paper-based) revised — discontinued	20 on each of the Reading, Listening & Writing tests	20 on each of the Reading, Listening & Writing tests		
Kaplan International Certificate	Advanced Certificate	Proficient Certificate		
EF Education First, University Preparation	TOEFL, see requirements above	IELTS, see requirements above		
ELS — Certificate of Completion	Level 112			
LanguageCert International ESOL Exams	C1 level of CEFR*	C1 level of CEFR*		
Cambridge C1 Advanced (formerly CAE)	180 or higher	180 or higher		
Eiken S.T.E.P. (Society for Testing English Proficiency)	Grade 1	Grade 1		
Michigan English Test — MELAB — Discontinued				
SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	500			
ACT English Language Arts	19 (average of English scores)			

ACT English and Reading Section scores of 19 in each

*CEFR (*Common European Framework of Reference*) is an international standard describing language ability.

To meet English proficiency requirements, all English language examination results must be submitted on an official test transcript or test report form that is no more than two years old. TOEFL scores must be received as official ETS scores. The Johnson & Wales University Designated Institution (DI) code is 3465. Students should use this code on their TOEFL registration form so that their scores will be sent directly to Johnson & Wales University. Legible copies of IELTS Test Reports may be verified through the IELTS verification service.

Students may be exempted from individual ESL classes based on their individual test section scores. Johnson & Wales University also reserves the right to require a student to take ESL classes to increase proficiency in a particular area, regardless of total test scores.

Other English language examination results will also be considered, and experience studying in the English language, as documented through school transcripts, will be taken into consideration.

Additional qualifications that meet English proficiency requirements include the following:

For Undergraduate Study

GCSE, CIE, IGCSE or Singapore/Cambridge O Levels	Grade of 4, or Grade of C or higher in English Language
International Baccalaureate Examinations — IBO.org	Grade of 4 or higher in English SL/HL (Syllabus A)
Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC)	Grades I–III in English Language
WAEC West African School Certificate Examination**	Grade 6 or better in English Language

For Graduate Study

Nigeria — completion of an accredited university program	Level acceptable for graduate school admission
Ghana — completion of an accredited university program	Level acceptable for graduate school admission

Majority English-Speaking Countries

Applicants who submit an official transcript from the following countries where English is the dominant native language and primary language of instruction may not be required to submit English language test scores, based on transcript review. JWU reserves the right to request English proficiency, as needed.

Official transcripts (examination certificates) will need to be provided.

- Anguilla (ANG)
- Antigua & Barbuda (ANT)
- Australia (AUS)
- Bahamas (BAH)
- Barbados (BAR)
- Belize
- Bermuda (BER)
- Botswana
- British Virgin Island (BVI)
- Canada (except Quebec) (CAN)
- Cayman Island (CAY)
- Dominica (DOM)
- Falkland Island
- Fiji (FJI)
- Gambia**
- Ghana**
- Gibraltar (GIL)
- Grenada (GRN)
- Guam (GUM)
- Guyana (GUY)

- Ireland (IRE)
- Jamaica (JAM)
- Liberia**
- Kiribati (KIR)
- Malta (MLT)
- Marshall Islands (MRI)
- Mauritius
- Micronesia, Fed States (MIC)
- Montserrat (MNT)
- Namibia
- New Zealand (NWZ)
- Nigeria**
- Scotland (SCO)
- Seychelles (SEV)
- Sierra Leone**
- St. Helena
- St. Kitts & Nevis (STR)
- St. Lucia (STL)
- St. Vincent and the Grenadines (STV)
- Trinidad and Tobago (TRT)
- Turks and Caicos Island (TCI)
- Uganda
- United Kingdom (UNK)
- Virgin Islands
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

** West African Examinations Council member countries — see WAEC West African School Certificate Examination requirements, above.