

English Language Proficiency Requirements

Student exchange applicants applying to the CSU Systemwide Student Exchange Program who have not attended an education institution at the secondary level or beyond where English is the principal language of instruction for **at least three years** are required to take an English proficiency test. This includes applicants studying at Francophone institutions in Canada and students from non-English speaking countries who are studying at institutions in English speaking countries as an international student. Note that some campuses may have more stringent requirements.

The tests accepted for this program are:

- [ETS TOEFL](#) (Test of English as a Foreign Language). Note that Institutional TOEFL scores are not accepted at all campuses.
- [IELTS](#) (International English Language Testing System)
- [Duolingo](#) (selected campuses only)

Visit the website, www.ets.org/toefl or www.ielts.org for information about these tests. Test scores are valid for two years only. Scores must not be older than two years prior to March 30 for fall term applicants and August 31 for January term applicants.

A test score report copy must be submitted with the CSU Systemwide Student Exchange Application. Campuses may request original test score reports in order to be admitted to the campus. Campuses which may require original reports include Bakersfield, Chico, Dominguez Hills, Monterey Bay, Pomona, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Jose and Sonoma. (List is subject to change.) Campuses will advise applicants if an original test report is required.

CSU campuses establish minimum scores based on campus-specific factors. Minimum scores for applicants are provided below (subject to change). Exchange partners reserve the right to enforce higher TOEFL/IELTS requirements.

ETS TOEFL Score (internet-based scores)	CSU Campus
61	Bakersfield, Channel Islands, Chico, Dominguez Hills, East Bay, Fresno, Fullerton, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Maritime, Monterey Bay, Northridge, San Bernardino, San Francisco, San Jose (except Engineering students), San Marcos, Sonoma, Stanislaus
64	Sacramento
71	Humboldt, Pomona
80	San Diego, San Jose Engineering students, San Luis Obispo

IELTS Score	CSU Campus
5.5	Dominguez Hills, Fullerton, Long Beach, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, San Marcos
6.0	Bakersfield, Channel Islands, Chico, East Bay, Fresno, Humboldt, Monterey Bay, Northridge, Pomona, Sacramento, San Francisco, San Jose (except Engineering students), Sonoma, Stanislaus
6.5	San Diego, San Jose Engineering students San Luis Obispo

Duolingo Score	CSU Campus
95	Channel Islands, Chico, Dominguez Hills (undergraduate students), Humboldt, Los Angeles (undergraduate students), Monterey Bay, Northridge, Pomona, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Jose, San Marcos, Sonoma, Stanislaus
100	Fresno, San Francisco
105	Dominguez Hills (postgraduate students), Long Beach, Los Angeles (postgraduate students)
115	San Luis Obispo
120	San Diego

The following campuses do not accept Duolingo scores: Bakersfield, East Bay, Fullerton, and Maritime Academy.

The following campuses accept the TOEFL “MyBest” Score for undergraduate study:

- Bakersfield (61)
- Channel Islands (61)
- Chico (61)
- Fresno (61)
- Monterey Bay (61)
- Northridge (61)
- San Francisco (61)
- San Diego (80)
- San Luis Obispo (80 – Home Edition allowed)
- Stanislaus (61)

Postgraduate students are normally required to have a minimum score of 80 (ETS TOEFL internet-based) or 7.0 (IELTS) although some programs may require higher scores. Some campuses will require higher Duolingo test scores for postgraduate students including Dominguez Hills and Los Angeles.

Test score requirements are subject to change.