

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), or
- **IELTS** (International English Language Testing System).

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.

Note that Institutional TOEFL scores and other test scores are not accepted at all campuses.

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 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.)

CSU campuses establish minimum scores based on campus-specific factors. Minimum scores for undergraduate applicants are provided below. Note that some exchange programs may require higher scores. Exchange partners reserve the right to enforce higher TOEFL/IELTS requirements. Scores are subject to change.

ETS TOEFL (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	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

*Campus will accept TOEFL iBT Special Home Edition test scores due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Graduate 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.

The following campuses accept the TOEFL “MyBest” Score for undergraduate study: Channel Islands (61), Chico (61), Fresno (61), Monterey Bay (61), Northridge (61) and San Diego (80).