ENGLISH PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS

The University of Oklahoma (Norman campus) requires that incoming exchange students demonstrate English language proficiency at a level necessary to participate fully in coursework here on campus. Students who are coming to the University of Oklahoma with the primary intention of learning English are encouraged to contact the Center for English as a Second Language (CESL) http://www.esl.ou.edu/index.html for information about this program. It is not possible for incoming exchange students to obtain tuition & fee waivers to participate on CESL programs.

All exchange student applicants for whom English is a second language must submit evidence of proficiency in the English language. Evidence of English proficiency should be demonstrated by satisfactory scores on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) exam.

The minimum scores required for incoming exchange students to enroll in undergraduate courses on the University of Oklahoma Norman campus are as follows:

- TOEFL (paper based): 500
- iBT TOEFL (Internet based): 61
- IELTS: 6.0

The minimum scores required for incoming exchange students to enroll in graduate courses on the University of Oklahoma Norman campus are the same as those required for international students for whom English is a second language seeking Admission as degree-seeking students:

- TOEFL (paper based): 550
- iBT TOEFL (Internet based): 79
- IELTS: 6.5

Please note that exchange student enrollment in graduate-level coursework requires special permission from the department where coursework is sought. Additionally, some departments may restrict enrollment in undergraduate coursework to exchange students that have demonstrated higher English language proficiency scores than is minimally required of exchange students. Please contact the Office of Education Abroad for further details on what courses and programs of study are open to incoming exchange students at the University of Oklahoma.