English Proficiency

The University of Minnesota requires all non-native English speakers to demonstrate a command of the English language that is necessary for success in college level classes taught in English.

International applicants whose first language is English from the following English-speaking countries will be exempted from English proficiency testing:

- Anguilla
- Antigua and Barbuda
- Australia
- Bahamas
- Barbados
- Bermuda
- British Virgin Islands
- Canada (except Quebec)
- Cayman Islands
- Dominica
- England
- Federated State of Micronesia
- Grenada
- Guyana
- Ireland
- Jamaica
- Montserrat
- New Zealand
- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Seychelles
- Shetland Islands
- St. Kitts-Nevis
- St. Lucia
- St. Vincent and the Grenadines
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Turks and Caicos Islands
- Wales

Applicants from US Territories including American Samoa, Guam, Marshall Islands, Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, and Virgin Islands whose first language is English are similarly exempted.

Acceptable ways to demonstrate adequate English proficiency

The following methods can be used to demonstrate a student has adequate English language ability to be accepted to academic programs at University of Minnesota Crookston:

1. IELTS academic test result with overall band score of 5.5 or higher
2. TOEFL iBT test result of 68 or higher (equivalent to 520 paper test result)
3. MELAB test result 75 or higher
4. Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE) test result 52 or higher
5. Pearson PTE Academic test result 52 or higher
6. IB students taking English A or B, HL or SL, with a score of 5 or higher
7. SAT test result with scores on Critical Reading and Writing section at 60th percentile or higher
8. ACT test result with scores on English and Reading section at 60th percentile or higher
9. Students who successfully pass grade Pre-1 or higher of the Japanese STEP Eiken test
10. SEPT (Sakae English Proficiency Test) result 11 or higher. Students with Level 10 result who join summer ESL can join Bachelor program in Fall.
11. Students from Norway with grade 4 or higher in secondary school English
12. Students from Sweden with grade B or higher in secondary school English
13. Students from Finland with grade 8 or higher in secondary school English
ESL options available at University of Minnesota Crookston

Students who do not yet meet the English communication entry requirements for academic programs at University of Minnesota Crookston may join our ESL program.

- **Summer 2016 ESL Sessions**

  We offer two, four week long summer intensive English sessions in 2016 from June 22 to July 19 and from July 20 to August 16, 2016. The summer program includes classroom study combined with extensive activities using and communicating with English in afternoons.

  This program is an excellent run up to students who will join fall semester classes at UMC or at other schools. In addition to help building English communication skills, you will learn and experience American teaching methods and style and build your confidence to assure success!

  Further information about Summer ESL is available online.

- **Academic Year ESL Sessions**

  Fall and spring semester programs are available during the academic year. Students will study to earn 12 pre-collegiate level credits each semester. The program includes classroom instruction, directed outside activities, and individual conversation tutors each week.

  Additional information is available