

English language proficiency requirements

The language of instruction and examination at the University of Saskatchewan is English. In order for students to understand, communicate and be successful in programs at the university, an acceptable level of academic English is required (including written, spoken, reading and listening components).

Applicants may be required to present proof of proficiency in English, which may be demonstrated through:

1. Completion of secondary or post-secondary studies in English

	REQUIREMENT
YEARS OF FULL-TIME STUDY IN AN APPROVED ENGLISH-MEDIUM SECONDARY PROGRAM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">At least 3 years of full-time study including Grades 10, 11, and 12, as well as successful completion of Grade 12 English Language Arts A30 and B30 (or equivalents). Students from overseas schools offering a Canadian education system curriculum in English require a minimum grade of 65% on their Grade 12 English course(s).At least 2.5 years of full-time study including Grades 11 and 12, as well as successful completion of Grade 12 English Language Arts A30 and B30 (or equivalents) with minimum final grades of 70%.At least 2 years of full-time study including Grades 11 and 12, as well as successful completion of Grade 12 English Language Arts A30 and B30 (or equivalents) with minimum final grades of 80%.

The following English Language Curricula would be considered acceptable:

- Canadian English-medium schools
- Overseas schools offering a Canadian education system curriculum in English
- US regionally-accredited English medium schools
- International Baccalaureate Programme
- India – IGCSE (International General Certificate of Secondary Education) and CBSE (Central Board of Secondary Education) only
- GCSE (General Certificate of Secondary Education) O (Ordinary) Level & GCE (General Certificate of Education) A (Advanced) Levels
- NZQA (New Zealand Qualifications Authority)
- Australian State Curricula or Australian Curriculum
- CAPE (Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations)
- SQA (Scottish Qualifications Authority)
- NQAI (National Qualifications Authority of Ireland)
- WBQ (Welsh Baccalaureate Qualification)

Students who have not followed one of these curricula will be required to provide another form of proof of English proficiency. This list will be updated annually as required.

YEARS OF FULL-TIME STUDY IN A RECOGNIZED POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION*

- Successful completion of at least one year of full-time study in a degree program from a recognized post-secondary institution where English is the official language of instruction and examination.
- Successful completion of a minimum two-year diploma from a recognized post-secondary institution in Canada where English is the official language of instruction and examination.
- A minimum three-year diploma from a recognized post-secondary institution outside of Canada where English is the official language of instruction and examination is sufficient proof of proficiency

*The post-secondary institution must declare English to be the only language of instruction and examination throughout the institution, not just in select departments.



If secondary or post-secondary study occurred more than five years ago, additional proof of English language proficiency may be required.

2. Completion of an accepted standardized test of English proficiency

	MINIMUM SCORE REQUIRED	WITH MINIMUM INDIVIDUAL SCORES OF
IELTS International English Language Testing System	6.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reading: 6 ▪ Listening: 6 ▪ Speaking: 6 ▪ Writing: 6
TOEFL Test of English as a Foreign Language	86	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reading: 19 ▪ Listening: 19 ▪ Speaking: 19 ▪ Writing: 19
CAEL/CAEL CE Canadian Academic English Language Assessment	70	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reading: 60 ▪ Listening: 60 ▪ Speaking: 60 ▪ Writing: 60
CAE Cambridge English: Advanced	C with 65 score	
PTE ACADEMIC Pearson Test of English Academic	63	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reading: 59 ▪ Listening: 59 ▪ Speaking: 59 ▪ Writing: 59
CANTEST Canadian Test of English for Scholars and Trainees	4.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reading: 4.5 ▪ Listening: 4.5 ▪ Speaking: 4 ▪ Writing: 4
MELAB Michigan English Language Assessment Battery	85	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reading: 80 ▪ Listening: 80 ▪ Speaking: ≥ 3 ▪ Writing: 80

3. Completion of an approved English language training program

	REQUIREMENT
UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN LANGUAGE CENTRE	Successful completion of U-Prep 2 Successful completion of U-Bridge 2
UNIVERSITY OF REGINA	Successful completion of English as a Second Language (ESL 050)

4. Completion of one of the following qualifications

	REQUIRED SCORE
IB (INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE) <ul style="list-style-type: none">English A1 or A2 Higher LevelEnglish B Higher Level	5 or better
GCSE (GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION) IGCSE (INTERNATIONAL GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION) OR GCE (GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION) <ul style="list-style-type: none">O (Ordinary)-Level English, English Language, or English as a Second Language	B or better
GCE (GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION) <ul style="list-style-type: none">A (Advanced), AS (Advanced Subsidiary) or AICE (Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education) Level English or English Language	B or better
AP (ADVANCED PLACEMENT) <ul style="list-style-type: none">English	4 or better