



English Language Requirement Policy

The language of instruction at The University of Winnipeg is English. Students must have a level of ability in English that allows them to participate in all aspects of university study, including lectures, reading, writing, and discussion. If English is not the student's first/primary language and they are not from an English Exempt Country, they must provide supporting documentation to show they meet one of the conditions below. Students will not be admitted until this requirement has been met. English language measures older than two years will not be considered.

English Language Requirement Options

Test Name		Requirement
Duolingo	Duolingo English Test	A minimum score of 120.
TOEFL	Test of English as a Foreign Language	Internet-based or Home: Minimum overall score of 4.5, with no less than 4.0 in each component Tests taken prior to Jan. 21, 2026: Minimum overall score of 86, with no less than 20 in each component. <i>Please note: MyBest Scores may be considered.</i> Paper-delivered Test: results will be reviewed on an individual basis.
IELTS	International English Language Testing System	IELTS Academic, Online & UKVI: Minimum overall score of 6.5
LanguageCert	LanguageCert Academic	Overall score of 67
Cambridge Assessment English: C1 Advanced	Cambridge Assessment English: C1 Advanced	Minimum score 180

Cambridge Assessment English: C2 Proficiency	Cambridge Assessment English: C2 Proficiency	Minimum score 180
CAEL CAEL CE CAEL Online	Canadian Academic English Language Assessment	CAEL & CAEL CE: Minimum score of 60 CAEL Online: 70
PTE	Pearson Test of English (Academic)	Minimum score of 58
ELP	The University of Winnipeg English Language Program	Successful completion of Academic Level 5
AEPUCE	Academic English Program from University and College Entrance	Successful completion

English Language Requirement — Waiver

In some instances, students may request a waiver of the English Language Requirement. An application for a waiver may be made to the Admissions Office. Students must provide supporting documentation to show they meet one of the conditions below:

1. Ten consecutive years of residency in Canada that may include years of study in Canada. The period of residency will be the time elapsed between the "Landed On" date on the Record of Landing Document and July 1 of the year of application, or
2. Three years of full-time education in English at secondary (high school) or post-secondary (university or college) levels in Canada, or
3. Graduation from a Manitoba high school with at least one Senior 4 Core English credit with a minimum grade of 70% (Comprehensive Focus, Literary Focus or Transactional Focus), or
4. Graduation from a Canadian high school with at least one Grade 12 English with a minimum grade of 70%, or
5. Graduation from a Canadian curriculum high school outside of Canada with at least one Grade 12 English with a minimum grade of 70% (students taking a New Brunswick curriculum are not included. You must present an IELTS test). Please note: Virtual high schools are not included in this waiver, or
6. Achieved a minimum grade of four (B) on the International Baccalaureate Higher Level English course, or a minimum grade of three (B) on the Advanced Placement English examination (Language Composition; Literature and Composition), or
7. Fulfill conditions as listed above in 1 or 2, in an English Exempt Country (see list below). The University of Winnipeg reserves the right to request additional documentation which may include the submission of a standardized test of English.

English Exempt Countries

A	Anguilla & Barbuda, Antigua, Australia, Austria
B	The Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Bermuda, Belize, Botswana
C	Canada, Cayman Islands, Channel Islands, Christmas Island, Cook Island
D	Denmark, Dominica
E	Ellice Island, England, Eswatini
F	Faroe Island, Falkland Islands, Fiji, Finland
G	The Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Gibraltar, Gilbert & Ellice Islands, Grenada, Guam, Guyana
I	Republic of Ireland, Isle of Man
J	Jamaica
K	Kenya, Republic of Kiribati
L	Leeward Islands, Lesotho, Luxembourg
M	Malta, Malawi, Mauritius
N	Namibia, Netherlands, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norfolk Island, Northern Ireland, Norway
P	Pitcairn Islands, Puerto Rico
S	Scotland, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & Grenadines, Sweden, Switzerland
T	Tanzania, Trinidad and Tobago, Turks & Caicos Islands, Tuvalu
U	Uganda, United Kingdom, United States of America
V	Vanuatu, Virgin Islands (U.K. and U.S.A)
W	Wales
Z	Zimbabwe, Zambia