

Graduate and Professional Studies Information for International Applicants

English Proficiency Policy for Non-Native English Speakers

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Non-native English speakers apply to the College with various immigration visa categories and English-learning experience.

In order to be admitted into a graduate or undergraduate program, non-native English speakers must demonstrate English proficiency by meeting **one** of the following criteria:

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1. Earn the following minimum proficiency exam scores (*existing admission criteria in effect from previous years*) **within two years prior to the date of admission**
TOEFL 80 or IELTS 6.5 or Step Eiken 1
 2. Complete at least 2 years of coursework **within three years prior to the date of admission** where the language of instruction was English.
 3. Complete at least 24 undergraduate semester credit hours or 18 graduate semester credit hours **within two years prior to the date of admission** at an accredited college or university in the United States.
 4. Achieve an advanced level in English from an accredited and approved intensive language institute **within one year prior to admission**.

In addition, all applicants are required to complete a brief interview (in person or cyber) with our Admission Office prior to admission.

Currently, LVC does not have an English as a Second Language (ESL) college-prep program. Students who do not meet our English language proficiency requirements are highly recommended to pursue an ESL program before being considered for admission to LVC.