College placement test required upon arrival at the College, students will take the English or English as a Second Language and Math placement test. The Placement Test determines course eligibility for English, ESL, and Math classes and any courses that have an English or math prerequisite.

**Applicants can demonstrate English proficiency by fulfilling one of the following criteria:**

- **Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)**
  Information about TOEFL is available at [http://www.toefl.org](http://www.toefl.org)
  - A minimum qualifying score on the iBT TOEFL is 56 (iBT is Internet-based TOEFL)
  - A minimum qualifying score on the pencil & paper TOEFL is 480, with no sectional scores below 48
- **International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Academic**
  Information about the IELTS is available at [http://www.ielts.org](http://www.ielts.org)
  - A minimum qualifying level of Band 5.5
- **Pearson PTE Academic** [http://pearsonpte.com/PTEAcademic/Pages/home.aspx](http://pearsonpte.com/PTEAcademic/Pages/home.aspx)
  - A minimum qualifying score of 42
- **Completed a specified level or higher at the following partner English Language Schools:**
  - **AAE (American Academy of English):** Advanced Level or the University Readiness Program
  - **Century School of Languages:** Level 6
  - **Columbia West College:** Standard ESL Program Level V
  - **FLS Language Centers:** Level 109
  - **FLS International:** Level 7
  - **Golden Gate Language Schools:** Level 12
  - **Kaplan International:** Higher Intermediate Level
  - **ILSC (International Language Schools of Canada):** Academic Preparation Level I4
  - **Intrax:** Level 9
  - **Language Pacifica:** Level 5
  - **St. Giles International:** Level 5
  - **TALK School of Languages:** Level 9
  - **The Language Company (TLC) Berkeley:** Level 9
- **Certification of completion of the highest level from any accredited U.S. intensive English language school.**

**Other**

1. **Secondary Education:** Earned a high school diploma, or studied for a minimum of 2 years and attained a grade of "C" or better in English in one of the English speaking countries (U.S., U.K., Canada, Australia and New Zealand).
   - a. Nordic institutions: Gymnasium English B and received grades of “VG” or “MVG”.
   - b. For Sweden, a new grading system was implemented in 2014: “VG” = “C” and “MVG” = “A/B”. Also, English B = English 6.
   - c. Singapore: Completed all years of study in Singapore schools. Completion of secondary school only will require a TOEFL or IELTS score.

2. **International School:** Earned a high school diploma in an International School or similar, where English is the primary language of instruction. You must submit high school transcripts and other documentation, such as a letter on school’s letterhead, stating that English was the primary language of instruction.

3. Completed advanced level ESL or college-level English classes at a U.S. college or university. You must provide an official transcript to receive this waiver.

4. Received a degree from a college or university in the U.S., the U.K., Canada, Australia or New Zealand. You must provide an official transcript to receive this waiver.

5. Are a resident of and completed all years of study in a country (not listed above) whose official language is English.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Change of Visa Status student (J-1 to F-1) may consult with the International Program Office for additional options.