



ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

English is the principal language of instruction at Concordia. To ensure that students have the best opportunity to achieve academic success, all applicants to any program^a or course of study whose first language is not English are required to demonstrate fulfilment of one of the following English language requirements, regardless of citizenship or country of origin:

1. Applicants studying in Canada on a study permit (student visa) must normally present a satisfactory score on one of the following approved^b English Language proficiency examinations, taken within the last two years, as described below:
 - TOEFL^c (Test of English as a Foreign Language) iBT (internet-based test) score of 80 or PBT (paper-based test) score of 550.
 - IELTS^d (International English Language Testing System). The minimum satisfactory score is 6.0 with no band below 5.5.
 - MELAB^e (Michigan English Language Assessment Battery). The minimum satisfactory score is 80.
 - CAEL^f (Canadian Academic English Language Assessment). The minimum satisfactory score is 60 with scores of at least 50 in Listening, Reading and Speaking, and 60 or higher in Writing.
 - CLB^g (Canadian Language Benchmark). The minimum satisfactory score is 6.
 - Pearson Test of English (Academic)^h. The minimum satisfactory score is 54.
2. Applicants who have studied for three (3) full years in Canada must present 50% in English Language Arts 30-1, or approved equivalent. The three years must include Alberta Grade 12 or equivalent and may be a combination of secondary and post-secondary education.
3. Applicants who have studied for less than three (3) full years in Canada must present 50% in English Language Arts 30-1, or equivalent and a minimum TOEFL iBT score of 80 (or PBT score of 550). Applicants who achieve 60% or greater in English Language Arts 30-1, or approved equivalent may be exempt from providing an English language proficiency exam score.
4. Applicants who demonstrate that they have completed the equivalent of an Alberta Grade 12 education and that English was the principal language of their education at the secondary and/or post-secondary level may be exempt from providing an English language proficiency exam score.
5. Applicants who have baccalaureate degree from a recognized college or university where English is the primary language of instruction and the principal language of the country meet the English language requirement.
6. Successful completion of Concordia's English for Academic Purposes (EAP) program EAP Tier 1 and EAP Tier 2 or EAP Tier 2 with a minimum score of C or higher in each tier satisfies Concordia's broader English Language Requirement for admission to Concordia's Undergraduate or Graduate Degree programs with the exception of Concordia's After-Degree in Education program. Successful EAP performance is considered one component of an application to any academic program; admission requirements and competitiveness (if applicable) to any degree program is still required.

Notes:

- a) Applicants to the Bachelor of Education After Degree program require levels of English Language Proficiency consistent with Alberta Education's requirements for certification. See section 3.4.1.A.8.
- b) Concordia may consider other English language proficiency tests. Applicants are encouraged to contact Student and Enrolment Services for further details.
- c) When requesting official TOEFL test scores to be sent to Concordia University College of Alberta, students should indicate Concordia's institution code, 0916. Address: TOEFL Services, P.O. Box 6154, Princeton, NJ 08541-6154 USA Online: www.toefl.org.
- d) Information about the IELTS exam can be found online at: www.ielts.org.
- e) Information about the MELAB exam can be found at: www.lsa.umich.edu/eli/testing/melab.
- f) Information about the CAEL exam can be found at www.cael.ca.
- g) Information about the CLB exam can be found at <http://www.language.ca/>
- h) Information about the Pearson Test of English (Academic) exam can be found at www.pearsonpte.com.