

English Proficiency for 100% Online Programs—Recommended Best Practices

The Office of International Affairs recommends that graduate programs require the “EAP test out” level of English proficiency for all IU Indianapolis graduate programs that are 100% online.

- Why? While students can take the EAP Placement test online, we don’t currently offer all EAP courses online. If they test into G513, for example, it would be impossible for them to fulfill this requirement.
- Example: Luddy has already taken this approach—[their website](#) lists a separate requirement for their 100% online programs as 100 TOEFL or 7.5 IELTS.
- Note: This would mean NOT accepting online test scores (like Duolingo or TOEFL Home edition), and also requiring applicants from [the first country list](#) to submit the required TOEFL or IELTS scores (even though we do accept these for admission to in-person programs, along with the EAP placement test requirement)

Recommendation of Best Practice:

For 100% online IU Indianapolis graduate programs, the following English proficiency admissions standards should apply:

- TOEFL 100 or IELTS 7.5 (in person at the testing center ONLY)
OR
- Bachelor’s degree or higher from one of these countries: Anguilla, Antigua, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Barbuda, Belize, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Canada, Dominica, Grand Cayman Islands, Grenada, Guyana, Irish Republic, Jamaica, Montserrat, New Zealand, Saint Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Tobago, Trinidad, Turks and Caicos Islands, United Kingdom: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales, United States of America

Special Note for Cohort Programs:

If you are expecting a group of international students to enroll as a cohort in a 100% online program, you may have another option. Estela Ene is open to offering online sections of EAP courses, but only if there will be a guaranteed minimum number of students. So rather than requiring the higher “test out” level of English proficiency, programs could coordinate with Dr. Ene to require G513 by all students in the cohort as a part of the program itself.