

- ii. Students must meet the admission requirements for their target destination program, subject to addressing specific identified deficiencies related to required courses, English language proficiency, and/or admission average, where identified deficiencies can reasonably be addressed within the Foundation Program.

Language Proficiency Requirements

English Language Proficiency

English is the primary language of instruction and assessment in all Faculties except Faculté Saint-Jean. All undergraduate applicants to any program or course except Faculté Saint-Jean need an adequate level of English language proficiency before admission, regardless of their citizenship status or country of origin.

The University of Alberta reserves the right to use discretion in determining adequate levels of language proficiency to ensure success in academic programs. In some cases, additional English language testing, conducted by the Faculty of Education, may be required to confirm English proficiency.

Proficiency in English may be fulfilled in one of the following ways:

1. Successful completion of three years of full-time education in English
 - a. In Canada (see Notes 1, 2, 3 and 8).
 - b. In another country where English is recognized as an official language of instruction (see Notes 1, 2, 3, 5 and 8).
 - c. At a recognized secondary school which uses English as the primary language of instruction (see Notes 1, 2, 3, 5 and 8).
 - d. At a recognized postsecondary institution which uses English as the primary language of instruction (see Notes 1, 2, 3, and 5).
2. Successful completion of the equivalent of three years of full-time instruction in a school/institution in Canada in which the major language of instruction is other than English, but where the level of English proficiency required for graduation is equivalent to that in English language schools/institutions in Canada.
3. Completion of one of the following:
 - a. A final blended grade of 75% or better in English Language Arts 30-1 from Alberta or English 12 from British Columbia. The blended grade is the final mark from the provincial Ministry of Education which includes the diploma or provincial examination mark (See Note 9),
 - b. A final or predicted grade of 5 or better on the International Baccalaureate English A1, A2, or a grade of 6 or better on English B,
 - c. A final or predicted grade of 5 or better on the International Baccalaureate English A: Literature or English A: Language and Literature
 - d. A grade of 4 or better on the Advanced Placement English College Board examination,
 - e. A grade of B or better in a GCE Advanced Level (A-level) or Advanced Subsidiary Level (AS-level), GCSE, IGCSE or O-level English Language or Literature course,
 - f. A grade of B+ or better in 6 units of course weight of university-level English studies completed at a recognized English language institution which must be transferable as 6 units of course weight of English at the University of Alberta.
4. Graduation from a recognized degree program offered by an accredited university at which English is the primary language of instruction or in a country where English is the primary language (see Note 5).
5. A score of at least 90 on the TOEFL iBT (Test of English as a Foreign Language - Internet-based) with no less than 21 on each band (see Note 4).
6. A score of at least 6.5 on the IELTS Academic (International English Language Testing System) with no band less than 6.0 (see Note 4).
7. A score of at least 70 on the Canadian Academic English Language assessment: CAEL (paper) or CAEL CE (computer) with no band less than 60 (see Note 4).
8. A score of at least 61 on the PTE Academic (Pearson Test of English Academic) with no less than 60 in each communicative skill (see Note 4).

9. An overall Cambridge English scale score of at least 180 on the C1 Advanced (formerly known as Certificate in Advanced English) with no less than 170 in each skill (see Note 4).
10. An overall Cambridge English scale score of at least 180 on the C2 Proficiency (formerly known as Certificate of Proficiency in English) with no less than 170 in each skill (see Note 4).
11. Successful completion of the University of Alberta's [EAP 136/INT D 137](#).

For more details on meeting English Language Proficiency please visit the [Undergraduate Admissions - Language Requirements](#) webpage.

Bridging Program

Applicants with superior academic standing who meet all other Faculty specific program requirements but do not meet the English language requirements may be considered for admission to the Bridging Program with the following scores:

- A score of at least 5.5 on the IELTS Academic (International English Language Testing System) with no band less than 5.0 (see Note 4).
- Internet-based TOEFL (iBT) of at least 53, with no score less than 14 on any band (see Note 4).

For more information, students should contact the Office of the Registrar.

Notes

1. Enrolment in English as a second language courses or programs will not be included in the calculation of three years of full time study. Enrolment must be in a regular high school or postsecondary for-credit program. Where students are registered in both EAP and regular programs, the EAP hours will be deducted from the total educational hours.
2. Proof of three years of education must be submitted in the form of official transcripts (including details on course enrolment and hours of instruction).
3. Failing grades/courses will not be counted when calculating full time attendance. Only courses with passing grades will be considered.
4. Standardized test results must be issued directly from the testing office. Photocopies will not be accepted. Test scores must be valid and verifiable.
5. For a list of countries and institutions that are recognized as having met the University of Alberta's English language proficiency requirement, visit [ELP Exemption](#) on our Undergraduate Admissions & Programs website.
6. When requesting official TOEFL test results to be forwarded to the University of Alberta, applicants should indicate institution code 0963 and department code 00.
7. Applicants who are asked to provide English Language Proficiency and who can demonstrate by other means that their proficiency exceeds the specified minimum levels, should direct inquiries to the Assistant Registrar, Admissions, Office of the Registrar.
8. The three years of full-time education in English must include Alberta grade 12 year (or equivalent) if secondary education is the highest level completed or if combination of secondary and postsecondary education is used.
9. Applicants who completed English 12 without writing a provincial diploma exam in British Columbia (after 2019) must fulfill the English proficiency requirement by one of the other methods listed.

Spoken English Proficiency

Besides demonstrating overall English language proficiency, applicants to the teaching and health sciences disciplines need a further level of spoken English proficiency, regardless of their citizenship status or country of origin. The University of Alberta reserves the right to use discretion in determining adequate levels of spoken English language proficiency. To determine whether or not proof of spoken English proficiency is required, applicants should verify specific admission requirements for the intended program(s). See [Admission Requirements by Faculty](#).

Spoken English proficiency may be shown in any of the following ways:

1. Six full years of education in English in Canada or the equivalent in another country where English is the principal language. Education must include the Alberta Grade 12 (or equivalent), if secondary education is the highest level completed or if combination of secondary and postsecondary education is used.
2. Successful completion of the equivalent of six years of full-time instruction in a school/institution in Canada in which the major language of instruction is other than English, but where the level of English proficiency required for graduation is equivalent to that in English language schools/institutions in Canada (see Notes 1, 2, 3 and 5).
3. A minimum speaking score of 26 points on the TOEFL iBT test or a minimum speaking score of 7.5 on the IELTS test (see Note 4)

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1. Enrolment in English as a second language courses or programs will not be included in the calculation of six years of full time study. Enrolment must be in a regular high school or postsecondary for-credit program. Where students are registered in both EAP and regular programs, the EAP hours will be deducted from the total educational hours.
2. Proof of six years of education must be submitted in the form of official transcripts (including details on course enrolment and hours of instruction)
3. Failing grades/courses will not be counted when calculating full time attendance. Only courses with passing grades will be considered.
4. Standardized test results must be issued directly from the testing office. Photocopies will not be accepted. Test scores must be valid and verifiable.
5. For a list of countries and institutions that are recognized as having met University of Alberta's English language proficiency requirement, visit our [ELP Exemption](#) on our Undergraduate Admissions & Programs website.

Exceptions

Faculté Saint-Jean

French is the primary language of instruction and assessment in the Faculté Saint-Jean. All applicants to the Faculté must demonstrate proficiency in written and spoken French, as outlined in [French Language Proficiency](#).

With the exception of applicants to the BCom (Bilingual) and BScN (Bilingual) programs, applicants to Faculté Saint-Jean do not have to show proficiency in English before admission. However, they must demonstrate proficiency in English before they may be granted a degree from this institution.

See [English Language Proficiency for Admission](#) for further information on meeting proficiency in English after admission to Faculté Saint-Jean.

Formal International Visiting and Exchange Programs

Applicants under formal international visiting and exchange program agreements are exempt from English Language Proficiency requirements.

The agreement specifies that the partner institution will ensure that the student has sufficient English language skills.

Residence Requirements

The University of Alberta is committed to admitting highly qualified students from Alberta, Canada and the international community. To meet the needs of the community the University serves, some Faculties have established program enrolment targets regarding the citizenship and residence* of undergraduate students. No non-resident shall be admitted to a Faculty who is less qualified than any Alberta resident who is denied admission to that Faculty.

*A resident of Alberta is defined as a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident (Landed Immigrant) who has been continuously resident in the Province of Alberta, the Yukon, the Northwest Territories or Nunavut for at least one year immediately before the first day of classes of the term for which admission is sought. The one-year residence period shall not be considered broken where the admission committee is satisfied that the applicant was temporarily out of the province on vacation, in short-term employment, or as a full-time student. Applicants on study permit cannot establish residence during a period as a full-time stu-