A. Introduction

All international students whose first language is not English are required to provide the International Admissions office evidence of English language competency.

B. Policy Statement

1. Undergraduate and Graduate International students may demonstrate English language competency in one of the following ways:

   a. A minimum Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) Internet Based Test (IBT) score of 71 or above or a TOEFL paper-based score of 525 or above for both graduate and undergraduate programs. (Some graduate programs may require a higher score.)*

   b. A minimum International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Score of 6.0 or above for both graduate and undergraduate programs. (Some graduate programs may require a higher score.)*

   c. Graduation from Spring International Language Center with a recommendation letter from the Center director. (Some graduate programs, including English, Chemistry and Biology, do not waive the language requirement for students graduating from Spring International Language Center.)*

   d. For undergraduates only: Graduation from English Language School (ELS) with a recommendation letter from the director of the language center.
e. Following the Graduate School Policy, the English language requirement is waived for international students who have graduated from a foreign institution where the language of instruction for their bachelor’s degree was English. These students are required to provide a letter from their home institution verifying this information.

2. A Michigan Test score of 80 or above for the test conducted at Spring International Language Center may also be accepted with the approval of the Director of International Admissions. (Some graduate programs, including English, Chemistry and Biology do not waive the language requirement for students graduating from Spring International Language Center). *

3. International students previously enrolled at an accredited US institution in the United States may demonstrate English language competency by providing a transcript that shows they took English composition 1 and 2 with an average grade of “B” or better.

4. International students who have earned a bachelor’s degree in the United States or completed one year of study in a masters program at an accredited institution in the United States may demonstrate English language competency via their transcripts from the US Institution.

* Students are advised to check with the program website or the program’s contact person for its specific requirements regarding English language competency.