

All applicants whose education has been primarily completed outside the United States of America must provide objective evidence of proficiency in the English language. However, the following exceptions apply:

1. Applicants primarily educated in the following countries/territories:

Anguilla	Jersey
Antigua & Barbuda	*Kenya
Australia	*Lesotho
Bahamas	Liberia
Barbados	*Malawi
Belize	Micronesia
Bermuda	Montserrat
Botswana	New Zealand
British Virgin Islands	Nigeria
Canada (except Quebec)	Sierra Leone
Cayman Islands	*Singapore
Dominica	South Africa
*Eswatini (Swaziland)	St. Helena
Falkland Islands	St. Kitts & Nevis
Fiji	St. Lucia
Gambia, The	St. Vincent & the Grenadines
Ghana	Tanzania
Gibraltar	Trinidad and Tobago
Grenada	Turks & Caicos Islands
Guernsey	Uganda
Guyana	United Kingdom
Ireland	United States Territories (except Puerto Rico)
Isle of Man	Zambia
Jamaica	Zimbabwe

* English language proficiency test only waived for applicants from English language educational systems.

Additional Exceptions for Applicants to Undergraduate Programs:

1. Applicants who have recently completed three years of full-time study at an accredited secondary institution in the U.S. or at an American, Australian, British, Canadian or other international school, where English is the language of instruction, may be exempted from this requirement after supporting academic records have been reviewed by Undergraduate Admissions. Such exemptions are dependent upon completion of college preparatory English courses.

2. Applicants who have completed three years of full-time study at a U.S. accredited high school overseas and have received (or will receive) a U.S. high school diploma.
3. Applicants who have a minimum SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing of 500.
4. Applicants who have a minimum ACT English score of 21.
5. International Baccalaureate (IB) applicants to UMBC may satisfy this requirement by attaining a minimum score of 5 in the Diploma Programme higher level or a minimum score of 6 in the standard level English language examinations.
6. Applicants who have received a score of A, B, or C on the GCE O-Level, A-Level, GCSE, or IGCSE English Language (First Language) exam.
7. Applicants who have successfully completed Level 5 coursework within UMBC's English Language Institute.

Any request for a waiver of the English language proficiency requirement must be submitted in writing to Undergraduate Admissions at admissions@umbc.edu with any supporting documentation.

UMBC reserves the right to require evidence of English language proficiency for all applicants, the adequacy of which shall be at the sole discretion of UMBC.