

# NTUST Regulations on English Competency Requirements for Four-Year Undergraduate Students

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- Article 1 National Taiwan University of Science and Technology (hereinafter referred to as the University) has formulated the NTUST Regulations on English Competency Requirements for the purpose of improving students' English proficiency and enhancing their international mobility.
- Article 2 All undergraduate students who enroll in four-year-degree programs must complete twelve credits of English courses, take the English Placement Test and pass the English Proficiency Test (0 credits) before graduation.
- Article 3 The English Placement Test takes place before the semester begins, as the basis of placement into English courses. Students who have successfully reached Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) B1 level (corresponding to TOEIC 550) before entering the University may apply for a waiver of the Test with a valid official score report according to the date announced by the Language Center in the enrollment year. The correspondence between CEFR levels and scores of major standardized tests are outlined in Appendix 1.
- Students who have not taken the English Placement Test, those who have not applied for the waiver of the test, or those who have applied but failed the review are not eligible for waivers of any English courses. They must complete 12 credits of English courses (8 credits of required freshman English courses and 4 credits of elective English courses).
- Article 4 Students who take the English Placement Test or are granted a waiver of the English Placement Test can use their test scores to waive English courses with receiving credits or without receiving any credits, and take English courses by following the rules below:
- (1) Students whose English Placement Test scores are below CEFR B1 level must take 8 credits of freshman English courses and 4 credits of elective English courses. The required credits are 12 in total. Regarding freshman English and required English courses, see Appendix 2.
  - (2) Students whose English Placement Test scores are above CEFR B1 level may apply to the University to receive 4 credits for 'English Vocabulary and Reading (I),' and 'Oral-aural Drills in English (I),' and waive the courses 'English Vocabulary and Reading (II),' and 'Oral-aural Drills in English (II),' without receiving any credits. Students must take 8 credits of elective English courses.
  - (3) Students who request waivers of freshman English courses must complete the application process within the first two weeks after the fall semester begins.
- Article 5 Students who have waived or completed freshman English courses may use their official score report to apply for the waiver of required English courses (as for correspondence between CEFR levels and grades of designated standardized tests, see appendix 1). Students who successfully reach CEFR B2 level may apply to the University to receive 4 credits of required English courses. Students who successfully reach CEFR C1 level may apply to the

University to receive 8 credits of required English courses. Students cannot receive English course credits beyond 12 in total.

The score report submitted for waiving required English courses is considered valid only if the score is obtained after enrollment at NTUST and within two years of the application date.

Article 6 All students must pass the NTUST English Proficiency Tests (0 credits) before graduation. Students must take one of the designated standardized tests listed in appendix 1 after entering the University and before the fall semester of the fourth year.

Students who have successfully reached CEFR B1 level must obtain an official score report issued by the testing organization and submit the report to the Language Center for the accreditation of the completion of the NTUST English Proficiency Test.

Students who have not reached CEFR B1 level must take and pass the English Proficiency Requirement Course (2 credits) before they graduate. Students are not allowed to enroll in the English Proficiency Requirement Course without presenting an official score report.

The score report submitted for accreditation is considered valid only if earned within two years of the application date.

Article 7 Students who request English course waivers and/or the accreditation of the completion of the NTUST English Proficiency Test must comply with all articles in the regulations, and submit the application to the Language Center within two weeks after the semester begins or after the final exam week begins. The Language Center reserves the right, at its discretion, to consider special student cases.

Article 8 These regulations apply to all undergraduate students enrolled in/after the fall semester of 2019 (students who have already studied at NTUST may also comply with these regulations when they see fit). Students should also fulfill requirements within their department/program.

Article 9 Regulations on English competency requirements for students of the Department of Applied Foreign Languages shall be prescribed by the Department of Applied Foreign Languages independently.

Article 10 These regulations will be implemented after being approved by a meeting of the Academic Affairs Council, as will any amendments.

*These English regulations were translated from the Chinese regulations. If any discrepancies exist between the two versions, the Chinese regulations always have precedence.*

## Appendix 1

The table with the corresponding CEFR levels and the scores of the designated standardized tests that are accepted by the University.

CEFR Levels Standardized Tests		CEFR B1	CEFR B2	CEFR C1
TOEIC		550	785	945
TOEIC SW		--	310	360
GEPT		Intermediate Level (Must pass listening, reading, speaking and writing tests)	High-Intermediate Level (Must pass listening, reading, speaking and writing tests)	Advanced Level (Must pass listening, reading, speaking and writing tests)
IELTS		4	5.5	7
TOEFL	ITP	460	543	627
	iBT	42	72	95
Linguaskill Business		140	160	180
Cambridge Main Suite		Preliminary English Test (PET)	First Certificate in English (FCE)	Certificate in Advanced English (CAE)

## Appendix 2

1. Required freshman English courses in the regulations refer to the following courses: English Vocabulary and Reading (I), Oral-aural Drills in English (I), English Vocabulary and Reading (II), and Oral-aural Drills in English (II).
2. The required and elective English courses referred to in the articles are exclusively those offered by the Language Center.