

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

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Article 1

All undergraduate students who enroll in four-year-degree programs must take the English Placement Test. Before entering the University, students who have successfully reached CEFR B1 level (corresponding to TOEIC 550) may apply for a waiver of the English Placement Test with a valid official grade report on the website of the Language Center two weeks before the English Placement Test is administered. Students who request a waiver of the English Placement Test but are not granted the waiver cannot take freshman English courses that include 'English Vocabulary and Reading (I),' 'English Vocabulary and Reading (II),' 'Oral-aural Drills in English (I),' and 'Oral-aural Drills in English (II).' The English Placement Test administered by the Language Center or other testing institutes takes place every year before freshmen enroll in school. CEFR is an international standard for indicating language proficiency; regarding the correspondence between CEFR levels and grades of designated standardized tests, see Appendix 1.

Article 2

Students must complete 12 credits of English courses before graduation; however, students who have reached the following English proficiency levels may apply for course credit waivers. Regulations on course credit waivers are listed below.

(1) Students whose English proficiency is below CEFR B1 level must take 8 credits of freshman English courses and 4 credits of advanced English courses. The required credits are 12 in total.

(2) Students who successfully reach 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 courses of ‘English Vocabulary and Reading (II)’ and ‘Oral-aural Drills in English (II),’ without receiving any credits. Students **also** must take 8 credits of advanced English courses.

(3) Students who successfully reach CEFR B2 level may apply to the University to receive 8 credits for freshman English courses but must take 4 credits of advanced English courses.

(4) Students who successfully reach CEFR C1 level may apply to the University to receive 8 credits for freshman English courses and 4 credits for advanced English courses. Students do not need to take any English courses.

To apply for course credit waivers, applicants must submit an official grade report resulting from one of the following standardized tests only: TOEIC, GEPT, IELTS, TOEFL, BULATS, or Cambridge Main Suite. The corresponding grades necessary for each test are outlined in Appendix 1.

Article 3

All undergraduate students must pass the NTUST English Proficiency Test (0 credits) before graduation. After entering the University, students must take one of the designated standardized tests listed in the previous article before the fall semester of the fourth year. Students who successfully reach CEFR B1 level can submit an official grade report to the Language Center and apply for the proof of completion of the NTUST English Proficiency Test. Students who have not reached CEFR B1 level must take the English Proficiency Requirement course (2 credits). Students who complete this required course with a grade of at least 60 will have fulfilled the requirement of the NTUST English Proficiency Test for graduation. Students who have not taken any of the designated standardized tests listed in the previous article are not allowed to take the English Proficiency Requirement course.

Article 4

Students who request English course waivers and/or the completion of NTUST English Proficiency Test must submit an official grade report issued within two years to the Language Center. The application process should be completed within two weeks after every semester begins or within two weeks after finals week starts. Students should also fulfill requirements within their pertinent department/program.

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 grades of the designated standardized tests that are recognized by NTUST

Standardized Tests		CEFR Levels	CEFR B1	CEFR B2	CEFR C1
TOEIC			550	785	945
GEPT			Intermediate Level	High-Intermediate Level	Advanced Level
IELTS			4	5.5	7
TOEFL	ITP		460	543	627
	iBT		42	72	95
BULATS			ALTE Level 2	ALTE Level 3	ALTE Level 4
Cambridge Main Suite			Preliminary English Test (PET)	First Certificate in English (FCE)	Certificate in Advanced English (CAE)