

TOEFL Placement

Undergraduate non-native speakers of English may have an iBT TOEFL score of 79 (213 CBT, 550 paper-based) instead of or in addition to a SAT score for regular admission to the University. Conditional admission is possible with a TOEFL score below 79 (213 or 550) or with an IELTS score. Other English test scores are also possible.

TOEFL score (iBT Internet test)	TOEFL score (CBT computer test)	TOEFL score (paper test)	Placement in UB course	Notes
Below 79	Below 213	Below 550	ESL 407 & ESL 411/412	1, 2, 3
79	213 – 247	550 – 597	ESL 407 (or ENG 101)	4
(TBD)	250 or higher	600 or higher	?	5, 6
No TOEFL	No TOEFL	No TOEFL	?	7

1. Conditional Admission: Students with TOEFL scores below 79/213/550 must take ESL 407 concurrently with ESL 411 (fall) or ESL 412 (spring). These students can not exceed four total courses during their first semester at UB (i.e. two courses in addition to ESL 407 and ESL 411/412).
2. iBT is the newest version of the TOEFL. UB's policies concerning the use of scores from this test are in flux until enough GPA data have been collected.
3. Unless transferring ENG 102 or ENG 201, students with TOEFL scores less than 79/213/550 should still complete ESL 407 & ESL 411/412, **even if transferring ENG 101**. Transfer students should have been told this at the time they were notified of admission.
4. The normal ENG 101 / ENG 201 sequence is an **option** for all students with TOEFL scores of 79/213/550 or higher. Most students with higher total scores (closer to 100/250/600), TWE essay scores (5.0 or better), or iBT writing scores (25+) on TOEFL should not need to take ESL writing courses.
5. ESL 407 could **possibly** be waived, based on evaluation of TOEFL sub-scores. Refer students with a **minimum** score of 100/250/600 to Keith Otto for evaluation of test scores (The waiver is **unlikely** without a TWE score of 5.0 or better). ESL 408 or ENG 102 must still be completed. Waiver policies only exist for TOEFL and SAT scores.
6. A specific iBT score necessary for a waiver of ESL407/ENG101 will not be decided until UB has sufficient iBT data. For now, waivers will only be considered for extremely high iBT scores (100+) with high writing sub-scores (28+). Contact Keith Otto.
7. Check for SAT or IELTS, contact Keith Otto for case by case evaluation, or both.

For any other questions regarding TOEFL or ESL please contact Keith Otto, ESL Program Director (645-2077 or keo@buffalo.edu)