What are BSU's English language requirements for undergraduate admissions?

All international applicants to Bemidji State University (BSU) must show proof of English language proficiency. BSU accepts any 1 of the following 4 measures as proof of English language proficiency:

1. Complete one of the following Intensive English Language Program in the U.S.
   
   A. Complete the BSU’s English Language Center (ELC) Program
      ELC helps international students develop academic skills in English. These skills prepare students for success in BSU degree programs and beyond. When you successfully complete the ELC program, you will be qualified to apply for all undergraduate degree programs at BSU.

   B. Complete an Intensive English Language program at the institution with which BSU has an agreement
      - ELS Educational Services: Completion of course 109 or higher
      - Global Language Institute: Completion of advanced level courses with recommendation

2. Complete a Qualifying Academic Program
   
   A. U.S. High School: Official transcript showing successful graduation from accredited U.S. high school with a minimum GPA of 2.00 or better.

   B. U.S. Degree: Official transcript of U.S. accredited Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's or Doctoral degree.
      1) High School Diploma or
      2) College/University Degree or
      3) Citizenship from one of the below English-speaking countries (not the United States): *Official transcripts and degrees will need to be provided**Schools of attendance must be recognized by BSU*

Applicants from the following countries whose first language is English are exempt from the English language test requirement:

- Anguilla
- Antigua/Barbuda
- Australia
- Bahamas
- Barbados
- Belize
- Bermuda
- British Guyana
- Botswana
- Canada
- Cayman Islands
- Dominica
- Falkland Islands (Isla Malvinas)
- Ghana
- Grenada
- Guam
- Guyana
- Ireland
- Jamaica/other West Indies
- Kenya
- Liberia
- Malawi
- Montserrat
- New Zealand
- Nigeria
- Rwanda
- South Africa
- St. Helena
- St. Kitts & Nevis
- St. Lucia
3. Achieve a Qualifying Score on an English Language Proficiency Test Accepted by BSU:

(BSU test score reporting code (TOEFL, SAT, GRE/GMAT): 6676)

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4. Complete Qualifying Courses, Degrees or Diplomas:

a. IB (International Baccalaureate): Grade 4 or above on the Higher-Level English A1 subject

b. Earned College hours
   Minimum of 24 credits of college/university-level work (remedial courses and ESL do not count toward the 24 credits) that includes at least 2 college-level English courses with a B or higher at an accredited college or university in the U.S. or one of the above listed English-speaking countries.
**Note:** If you have two consecutive terms of full-time study in an accredited post-secondary institution, you may not need to submit your high school transcript and diploma.

**Bemidji State University reserves the right to request additional documents on a case by case basis.**

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