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 (Islas 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
St. Vincent
Sudan

Trinidad & Tobago
Turks & Caicos Islands
Uganda
United Kingdom
Virgin Island
Zambia
Zimbabwe

3. Achieve a Qualifying Score on an English Language Proficiency Test Accepted by BSU:

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

TEST	SCORE
IELTS	5.5 or higher
TOEFL	61 IBT or 500 PBT
PTE	44 or higher
SAT	22 or higher on reading or 400 or higher on evidence-based reading & writing
ACT	20 or higher
Duolingo English Test (Online Test)	45
SEPT	Level 11
GTEC	1176
MELAB (official version)	70 or higher
AP English Language & Composition Exams	3 or higher
CAE (Cambridge Advanced Exam)	B or higher
GCE, GCSE or IGCSE (except Sri Lanka)	C or higher in English Language
West Africa and Kenya: WASSCE (West African Senior School Certificate Examination) WACE (West African Examinations Council) KCSE (Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education),	C or higher in English Language

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

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