

# **Guidelines on the Exemption from Required General English Courses for Undergraduate Students of Daytime Programs at I-Shou University**

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- I. The Guidelines on the Exemption from Required General English Courses for Undergraduate Students of Daytime Programs at I-Shou University (hereinafter referred to as "the Guidelines") are made by I-Shou University (hereinafter referred to as "the University") with the aim of promoting bilingual education and serving as the legal basis of encouragement to students whose English proficiency is good enough for an exemption from required general English courses at the freshman level.
- II. The Guidelines are applicable to daytime undergraduate students (including transfer students) admitted in or after Academic Year 2024, excluding those of EMI programs, the Department of Global Communications and Applied English, and the School of Medicine.
- III. Students whose English proficiency test scores meet one of the following criteria are eligible to apply for an exemption from required general English courses at the freshman level. Those who satisfy one of the criteria under "1st Semester of the Freshman Year" will be exempt from the required general English course offered in the first semester of the freshman year (one credit); those who satisfy one of the criteria under "2nd Semester of the Freshman Year" will be exempt from the required general English courses offered in both the first and second semesters of the freshman year (two credits in total):

English Proficiency Test	1 <sup>st</sup> Semester in the Freshman Year	2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester in the Freshman Year
GEPT	Intermediate - Second Stage	High-Intermediate - First Stage
TOEFL	ITP/543 IBT/79	ITP/550 iBT/87
TOEIC	700	750
IELTS	5.5	6.0
CSEPT	Level 1 200	Level 2 240
FLPT	195	240
Cambridge Main Suite	PET 153	FCE 160
Linguaskill Business Linguaskill General	153	160
BEST Test of English Proficiency - Listening and Reading	Listening: 85 Reading: 85	Listening: 100 Reading: 100
BEST Test of English Proficiency - Speaking and Writing	Speaking: 260 Writing: 260	Speaking: 280 Writing: 280
Other	For other English proficiency tests administered by widely recognized organizations, supporting documents shall be submitted to the Foreign Language Center and reviewed by a review committee.	

Note: The scores mentioned above are the minimum ones.

IV. If students come from one of the nations on the List of Nations with English as the Official or Common Language issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (see the attachment), satisfy one of the following requirements, and submit supporting documents, they may apply for an exemption from the required general English courses offered in both the freshman year (two credits in total) and the sophomore year (four credits in total):

1. International students from English-speaking countries (such as the United Kingdom, the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Ireland, and South Africa), and international students from countries with diplomatic relations with the Republic of China (Taiwan), may apply for an exemption by providing their passports and academic

transcripts from secondary education or above.

2. International students from countries where English is an official or a common language may apply for an exemption by providing their passports and academic transcripts from secondary education or above and passing the English proficiency oral examination conducted by the Foreign Language Center.
3. If a domestic or international student reaches the CEFR C1 level or above, he/she may file an application by submitting a valid English proficiency test report. He/she is also required to pass an English oral test organized by the Foreign Language Center.

V. Qualified students, students who have an SAT or ACT score with a score in English ranked among the top 60%, or students who have taken other English proficiency tests may, within the first week of the first day of school every semester (as specified on the academic calendar), apply for an exemption from the required general English courses offered in the freshman year (two credits in total) together with supporting documents to the Foreign Language Center. Late applications will not be considered.

As for students who have extended the graduation date, they may file an exemption application at any time during the extended period. However, they are not permitted to apply for a refund of the tuition, other required fees, or credit fees, and they will not be conferred the diploma until the end of the semester.

- VI. If a student is exempt from taking the required general English courses offered in the freshman year, he/she still needs to take other courses in order to make up the credits he/she needs for graduation. If a student is exempt from taking the required general English courses offered in the sophomore year, he/she is required to take a course for a different second foreign language in order to make up the credits he/she needs.
- VII. EMI programs, the Department of Global Communications and Applied English, and the School of Medicine may formulate new rules concerning the exemption from required general English courses based on their respective professions or establish stricter criteria by referring to Provision III or V. The new rules or criteria shall become effective after being adopted by the competent Departmental Affairs Council and the College Affairs Council, approved by the University Academic Council, and ratified by the President.
- VIII. Students admitted in or before Academic Year 2020 are subject to the Guidelines on the Exemption from Freshman-level Required General English Courses for Undergraduate Students at I-Shou University promulgated with the consent from the President dated May 22, 2020.
- IX. The Guidelines become effective on the third day of promulgation after being adopted by the University Academic Council and the University Administration Council and ratified by the President.

*Note: In case of any disputes or misunderstandings regarding the interpretation of the language or terms of the Guidelines, the Chinese language version shall prevail.*