

# **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 2025.
- 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 “1<sup>st</sup> Semester of the Freshman Year” will be exempt from the

required general English course offered in the first semester of the freshman year; those who satisfy one of the criteria under “2<sup>nd</sup> Semester of the Freshman Year” will be exempt from the required general English courses offered in both semesters of the freshman year:

English Proficiency Test	1 <sup>st</sup> Semester of the Freshman Year	2 <sup>nd</sup> semester of 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) and submit supporting documents (the passport and academic transcripts from secondary education or above, or a valid English proficiency test report certifying reaching the CEFR Level C1 or above), they may apply for an exemption from the required general English courses offered in both semesters of the freshman year.
- V. Students who have fulfilled one of the criteria specified in Provision III, who have an SAT or ACT score with the score in English ranked among the top 60 percent, or who have an English proficiency test report other than those mentioned above may, within the first week of the first day of school every semester (as specified on the academic calendar), apply to the Foreign Language Center for an exemption from the required general English courses offered in both semesters of the freshman year together with supporting documents. 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 receive their diplomas until the end of the semester.

- VI. If a student is exempt from taking the required general English courses offered in the freshman year, they still have to take other courses in order to make up the credits they need for graduation.

Students admitted in or before Academic Year 2023 are subject to Provision VI of the Guidelines on the Exemption from Required General English Courses for Undergraduate Students of Daytime Programs at I-Shou University promulgated with the consent of the President dated July 22, 2023.

Students admitted in Academic Year 2024 are subject to Paragraph 1 of Provision VI of the Guidelines on the Exemption from Freshman-level Required General English Courses for Undergraduate Students at I-Shou University promulgated with the consent of the President dated May 7, 2025.

- VII. EMI programs, the Department of Global Communications and Applied English, and the School of Medicine may develop new criteria for exemptions from required general English courses, based on their specific professional needs and by referring to Provisions III or V. The new criteria shall become effective after being adopted by the competent Departmental/Program Affairs Council and the College Affairs Council, approved by the University Academic Council, and ratified by the President.

- VIII. 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 misunderstanding regarding the interpretation of the language or terms of the Guidelines, the Chinese language version shall prevail.*