

## Rowan University Language Policy

**International students and some permanent residents must show proof of English language proficiency as outlined below.**

### **Proof of English Language Proficiency:**

**Prospective students must meet one of the following as proof of English language proficiency:**

1. TOEFL iBT: minimum score of 70 for Traditional Admissions and TOEFL PBT (minimum 525 points) – official scores must be sent directly to Rowan from the test provider
2. IELTS: minimum score of 6.0 for Traditional Admissions – official scores must be sent directly to Rowan from the test provider
3. PTE: minimum score of 50 for Traditional Admissions – official scores must be sent directly to Rowan from the test provider
4. Successful completion of Rowan’s English Language Program (ELP) Level 5 with a minimum GPA score of 3.0 – must provide Certificate of Completion and letter from Director of ELP
5. Successful completion of ELS – Level 112

*\*the university code is 2515*

### **Permanent Resident Language Policy:**

An applicant who is a permanent resident will only need to show proof of English language proficiency if the student has a high school degree and/or university credits from an institution outside the United States. See below for exemptions.

### **International Student Language Policy:**

An applicant is considered an international student if they need a non-immigrant visa such as F1 and J1 in order to study in the United States. International students must show proof of English language proficiency. See below for exemptions.

### **Exemptions from language policy:**

Permanent residents & international students are exempt from the language policy if they meet one of the criteria below:

1. They have obtained a degree from an institution in the United States.
2. They are submitting an official SAT/ACT score report that meets the university minimum requirements.
3. Students who have satisfactorily completed 24 semester credit hours (not including ESL classes) OR the equivalent of College Composition I and College Composition II with a grade of “C” or above at an accredited U.S. college or university.
4. They have obtained an International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma.
5. They have obtained a degree from a country where English is the official language and the medium of instruction. Freshmen students are required to submit the SAT/ACT scores or chose the test optional admissions route. See below for list.

The following countries have English as their official language and the language of instruction and are exempt from English language testing requirements

1. Anguilla	45. Swaziland
2. Antigua and Barbuda	46. Tanzania
3. Australia	47. Tonga
4. Bahamas	48. Trinidad and Tobago
5. Barbados	49. Turks and Caicos Islands
6. Belize	50. Uganda
7. Bermuda	51. United Kingdom
8. Botswana	52. United States
9. British Virgin Islands	53. Vanuatu
10. Cameroon (English Route)	54. Wales
11. Canada (Except Quebec)	55. Zambia
12. Cayman Islands	56. Zimbabwe
13. Dominica	
14. England	
15. Fiji	
16. Gambia	
17. Ghana	
18. Gibraltar	
19. Grenada	
20. Guyana	
21. Ireland, Northern	
22. Ireland, Republic of	
23. Jamaica	
24. Kenya	
25. Lesotho	
26. Liberia	
27. Malawi	
28. Malta	
29. Mauritius	
30. Montserrat	
31. Namibia	
32. New Zealand	
33. Nigeria	
34. Papua New Guinea	
35. Philippines	
36. Scotland	
37. Seychelles	
38. Sierra Leone	
39. Singapore	
40. Solomon Islands	
41. South Africa	
42. St. Kitts and Nevis	
43. St. Lucia	
44. St. Vincent and the Grenadines	