(A) Policy Statement and Purpose

This university policy is part of the Undergraduate Catalog. The Undergraduate Catalog provides university academic policies and information about program requirements. The Undergraduate Catalog is updated each semester. Colleges and departments may have additional or more specific requirements or policies that relate to an individual program. Students are advised to become familiar with the Undergraduate Catalog as well as specific requirements and policies related to their degree program.

(B) Policy

International applicants whose native language is not English are required to submit evidence of English language skills in the form of an official Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), a Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB), or an International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score. BGSU requires a TOEFL score of at least five hundred (paper based), one hundred seventy-three (computer based), or sixty-one (internet based); a MELAB score of at least sixty-nine; or an IELTS score of at least six point zero.

Additionally, all international applicants whose native language is not English are required to take an English proficiency test upon reporting to the university and before registering for classes. International students transferring from other colleges or universities in the United States as well as students from Puerto Rico are also required to take these tests. Depending on a student’s placement score, the university reserves the
right to require enrollment in and successful completion of English courses leading to the proficiency level expected in ESOL 1010 & 1040: ESOL 1000, ESOL 1010, ESOL 1030, and ESOL 1040. The university may also limit the number of courses taken for credit.

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