

## LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY (INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS):

**Advanced ESL Test-Out Information:** To potentially bypass English Language Instruction, students must achieve any of the following\*:

- A 79 or higher on the TOEFL IB T or 550 on the TOEFL paper-based; minimum 6.5 on the IELTS; minimum 53 on Pearson PTE Academic; minimum C on the Cambridge CPE; Minimum B on the Cambridge CAE; minimum 110 on the Duolingo online; minimum 1200 on GTEC CBT. Email results to [iss@stchas.edu](mailto:iss@stchas.edu). \*Students must attain all subscores of more than 18 on the TOEFL or the equivalent subscores on other exams.
- Score at least 5 on International Baccalaureate (1B) English A: Language & Literature HL exam
- Complete English Composition with a C or better at an accredited two- or four-year post-secondary institution **in the United States**
- Graduate from a U.S. high school and earn one of the following: a 19 or higher on the ACT in Reading and English, or an Advanced Placement (AP) score of 4 or 5 on either the English: Language and Composition or English: Literature and Composition exams (either of these AP scores will enable students to test into English Composition 102)
- Graduate from a U.S. high school, currently live in the U.S., and place out with the SCC ESL (English as a Second Language) assessment, including interview/writing and ESLAccuplacer.

**\*All students, even those from English-dominant countries, may require assessment/interviews to confirm placement. Write [ISS@stchas.edu](mailto:ISS@stchas.edu) or [elci@stchas.edu](mailto:elci@stchas.edu) with questions/requests.**

### **ESL Pathway: ESL support/preparation for Associate degree-seeking students:**

*Those under 79 TOEFL and subscores of 18 or equivalent will complete the SCC ESL assessment (oral interview/writing sample), ideally before coming to SCC. To be admitted for an Associate degree-seeking program starting with Intensive English Level 2 or ESL support/prerequisites, students must achieve any of the following:*

- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL): 323 on the paper-based version, or 50 on the TOEFL IBT online test
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS) exam: Minimum score of 5.5 or
- Duolingo: Minimum score of 85

Students *may* earn an English Fundamentals and/or ESL Certificate of Specialization from the SCC English Language and Culture Institute (ELCI) on the way to their degree programs.

**Intensive English:** Students whose scores are below those listed directly above for admission to degree-seeking programs may apply to the English Language and Culture Institute (ELCI) for language instruction. In this case, they should take an SCC ESL assessment (ESL interview/writing sample) for placement into the Intensive English levels of the ELCI program.

These students *should* earn an English Fundamentals and/or ESL Certificate of Specialization.

**English Language Learning (other purposes):** Students applying to ELCI to take English classes without pursuing a degree, such as for English certification, career enhancement, or entry into graduate school, may do so regardless of their English proficiency scores.

ELCI may ask any students take the ESLAccuplacer to confirm placement. For information on ESL assessment, levels, and pathways, go to the site: <https://www.stchas.edu/academics/departments/English-Language-and-Culture-Institute>