

**Minnesota State University, Mankato  
University Policy**

<b>Policy Name:</b> International Student English Speech Placement: General Education Goal Area 1B	<b>Effective Date of Last Revision</b> August 1, 2016
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## Policy

International students who are enrolled in undergraduate bachelor's degree programs at Minnesota State University, Mankato and who need to complete General Education Goal Area 1B: Speech and Oral Reasoning must demonstrate their readiness to succeed in the courses in that goal area through one of the following means:

- a Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of 89 or above (internet-based - iBT) or 575 or above (paper-based - PBT)

or

- an International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score of 6.5 or above.

International students with TOEFL scores below 89 (internet-based – iBT) or 575 (paper-based - PBT) or with an academic IELTS score below 6.5 must take the Accuplacer Listening Test and pass it with a score of 90 or higher to be able to enroll in CDIS 201, CMST 100, CMST 102, CMST 212, or POL 234.

Students with a score below 90 must take and pass EAP 125 with a grade of “C” or higher before enrolling in CDIS 201, CMST 100, CMST 102, CMST 212, or POL 234.

International students enrolled in bachelor degree programs must also follow the English Composition Placement policy.

## Procedures

### Exemptions

Students may be exempted from taking the Accuplacer Listening test based on documentation of:

1. passing Accuplacer Listening test scores taken at any college or university within the last three calendar years.

### Re-test

Students may take the Accuplacer Listening test a second time no sooner than two weeks after the first test.

## Appeal Process

Students not meeting the requirement for enrollment in courses that satisfy the general education goal area 1B requirement stated above may request an exception to this policy. The request must be made in writing to the chair of the English department, and must include evidence that demonstrates readiness for success in college-level individual public speaking. An example of such evidence is participation in a forensics association.

## Rationale

The purpose of this policy is to improve students' success in college by assessing their readiness for meeting the university's general education speech and oral reasoning requirement and by providing them with further preparation when necessary. Minnesota State University, Mankato's policy is based on Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) Board Procedure 3.3.1, Assessment for Course Placement.

## International Students English Speech Placement Table: General Education Goal Area 1B

Course	Minimum TOEFL Score		Minimum IELTS Score		Minimum Accuplacer Listening Test		Course Prerequisites
CDIS 201 CMST 100 CMST 102 CMST 212 POL 234	89 (internet-based) or 575 (paper-based)	or	6.5	or	90	or	Successful completion of EAP 125