

Guidelines for English Language Learning Initial Assessment

Students must submit an external language proficiency exam result or complete Coquitlam College's English Diagnostic Exam (EDE). Both exam results are accepted as admission to Coquitlam College. Result submissions for the high school program are usually provided prior to the start of a semester or during the first week of the semester. Result submissions for the English Studies program may be provided prior to the final four weeks of a semester for admission into that semester's non-credit English courses.

In order to demonstrate English proficiency, a student must do one of the following:

- Submit results from an internationally-recognized and standardized English proficiency exam
- Complete and submit the English Diagnostic Exam

Or:

- Present minimum scores in an English course completed in British Columbia or at a BC-approved offshore high school
- Present minimum scores in a first-year English courses taken at an institution in the [BC Transfer System](#)
- Present proof of completing the most recent 4 years of full-time study in an English speaking country and/or English is the language of instruction in a recognized international curriculum

If a student submits more than one set of test scores, the higher score will form the basis for course registration.

The following outlines the minimum requirements for high school English courses, effective September 1, 2022.

	English 12	English 11	English 10	Univ Prep (UP)	Advanced (ES)
IELTS Academic	Overall Band 6.0 and Writing Band 5.5	Overall Band 5.5 and Writing Band 5.5	Overall Band 5.0 and Writing Band 5.0	Overall Band 5.0 and Writing Band 5.0	Overall Band 4.5 and Writing Band 4.5
Grade Completion	English 11	English 10	English 9		
Duolingo	100+	90+	85+	80+	75+
English Diagnostic Exam	Departmental Assessment	Departmental Assessment	Departmental Assessment	Departmental Assessment	Departmental Assessment
PTE	60 Overall with 55 in Writing	55 Overall with 55 in Writing	50 Overall with 50 in Writing	50 Overall with 45 in Writing	45 Overall