Language proficiency requirements depend upon the country in which the applicant attended high school.

Applicants whose first language is not English and/or whose secondary education took place in a predominantly non-English speaking country (see a listing of countries considered predominantly English speaking below) must provide evidence of English language proficiency prior to being considered for admission to Georgia Perimeter College. You can check if there are language proficiency requirements for high school graduates of individual countries here.

An applicant’s citizenship or immigration status does not determine the language proficiency requirement.

English Proficiency may be established by submitting one of the following:

- Official scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Prospective students must earn a minimum of 460 on the paper TOEFL or 48 on the TOEFL Internet Based Test (IBT). Applicants may contact the Educational Testing Service at (609) 771-7100 or go to www.toefl.org for information or to schedule the TOEFL. (Georgia Perimeter’s TOEFL College Code is 5165). Please note: Georgia Perimeter College will not accept institutional TOEFL scores for admissions purposes.

- Official IELTS* score report with an average minimum score of 4.5. To request IELTS scores, applicants must contact the IELTS Testing Center where they took the exam. The IELTS website is http://www.ielts.org. *IELTS is jointly owned by the British Counsel, IDP: IELTS Australia, and the University of Cambridge ESOL examinations.

- Scores from other tests: non-native speakers of English who have attained a minimum SAT verbal score of 330 or ACT English score of 12 will satisfy the English language proficiency requirement.

- Official scores from the Georgia State Test of English Proficiency (GSTEP) offered by Georgia State University. A minimum band score of “4” is required for admission.

Exceptions

- Applicants who present an official General Certificate of Education (GCE) examination English ‘O’ level result with an acceptable score (scores of “A”, “B” or “C”, or 1-6 (depending on the score sheet) will not be required to submit proof of English language proficiency for admissions purposes. Please note: English scores from the West African Examinations Council WILL NOT satisfy the English Language proficiency requirement.

- Applicants who 1) have attended a college or university in the United States, Canada (all provinces except Québec), Australia, the United Kingdom, Ireland, New Zealand, & the English speaking Caribbean AND 2) who have transferable credit for college/university level English Composition (including GCE “A” level English Composition) , will not be required to submit proof of English language proficiency for admissions purposes.

Countries & Territories considered primarily English speaking are: Anguilla, Antigua, Australia, Barbados, Bermuda, Bahamas, Belize, British Virgin Islands, Canada (except Québec), Cayman Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Ireland, Jamaica, New Zealand, Nevis & St. Kitts, South Africa, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Trinidad & Tobago, Turks & Caicos, United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Northern Ireland & Wales), & the United States.