

# ENGLISH LANGUAGE CENTER STUDENT HANDBOOK

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# **Mission Statement**

The English Language Center (ELC) provides instruction to international students who need to improve their English language skills before beginning academic course work. The ELC serves the international community by providing English language instruction against a backdrop of American life and academia.

It also serves individuals who are not seeking a degree at MSU but who want to improve their English skills. Such students can apply directly to the English Language.

#### **Our Vision and Plans**

MSU is a World Grant institution that fosters a culture of global openness. The ELC embraces this mission through its teaching and testing initiatives which support MSU students and the MSU community at large. The ELC exports its expertise through its international testing, online initiatives, and programs for foreign universities and governments. As a unit, we are dedicated to serving the international student population who, because English is not their first language, often need support and additional English instruction prior to beginning their academic programs and during the early months and even years of their programs. It is also a support unit for the broader community given the numerous issues that arise from the large number of international students. In that capacity, the ELC enriches the educational experiences of domestic and international students and of the entire MSU community

The activities of the ELC are guided by the following.

- Empower international students to become full participants in the university community through instruction in language, cultural awareness, and study skills.
- Assist students with their academic and non-academic needs and connect them to other MSU resources.
- Serve MSU faculty and departments, helping them meet the needs of their international students and contributing to a more inclusive community.
- Provide specialized instruction for students with English needs beyond the university.
- Develop and conduct quality English language proficiency assessment.
- Contribute to the advancement of the TESOL profession.

We have established numerous goals for the next 3-5 years, among which are:

# 1. Support the international student community through:

# a. Globalizing the campus

Continue our successful mentorship program bringing 1) ELC (pre-matriculation) students, 2) domestic students, and 3) advanced undergraduate international students. The project "Promoting Diversity and Inclusivity Through International Student Mentorships" makes uses of triads who complete a series of tasks designed

to help the provisionally-admitted students prepare for future academic success and integrate students into the MSU community in sustained and meaningful ways.

# b. Providing support services for international students

Serve as a leader on campus to support the unmet needs of the international student population and the needs of departments with large groups of international students.

# 2. Provide leadership to the state of Michigan and beyond in the field of ESL

The ELC's core faculty are deeply committed teachers and have extensive experience working with international students. Our collective expertise allows us to provide national and regional leadership and consultancy activities.

#### 3. Promote intercultural awareness

We currently work collaboratively and will continue in this vein with many units on campus to support and recruit diversity in the student body (and to promote intercultural awareness on the part of international and domestic students). We will do this through providing service learning opportunities for ELC students through collaborations with local schools.

# 4. Export expertise and increase national/international reputation

- Testing. The ELC has been working collaboratively with American College of Greece in Athens and Anatolia College in northern Greece.
- Diversification of activities is a major goal and we continue to seek opportunities to expand the offerings outside of Greece.
- Further develop a secure web-based version of our own internal test which can be used at universities in the U.S.

# 5. Reverse study abroad initiatives

The ELC pursues various types of special programs bringing international students to campus for short non-degree programs. Current examples include:

- a. Programming for matriculated students
- b. Co-organizing specialized programming (e.g., Institute on International Health; Fisheries and Wildlife; American Semester Abroad; VIPP [part of ISP])

#### 6. Online initiatives

• The ELC continues to develop and further expand on-line training modules for a variety of audiences both internal to and external to MSU.

# The ELC Office

**Location:** 619 Red Cedar Road, B230 Wells Hall

Tel: (517) 353-0800 Fax: (517) 432-1149 Email: elc@msu.edu

Website: http://elc.msu.edu

Office Hours: The ELC Office is open from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. During

Registration Week and first week of classes, the office may be closed during the lunch hour (12:00-1:00 pm). Holiday schedules may be modified with notice.

**Office Services:** The ELC Office is may be your initial contact with the English Language

Center. Your application to the ELC is processed here, and our Front Office staff will direct you to the appropriate resources in order to have your questions

answered regarding your experience with us or at MSU.

Immigration: I-20s Admissions: Process Applications

I-94s Issue PID/PAN #s
Reserve Housing

Send brochures/applications to prospective students

Notify students of admission Student Record Maintenance

# **ELC Programs**

# **IEP: The Intensive English Program**

Who is this program for?

The IEP program is an integrated course offering classes for beginners to advanced learners and is designed for two types of students:

- 1. Student provisionally admitted to MSU who have not met the minimum English requirement to go into the EAP program
- 2. Students who wish to improve their English but are not seeking admission to Michigan State University.

Courses are coded as ESL 09\*.

# **EAP: The English for Academic Purposes Program**

Who is this program for?

The EAP is an advanced program designed to help non-native speakers improve their English language skills while also making it possible for qualified provisionally admitted MSU students to take academic courses at Michigan State University.

Courses are coded as AAE 22\*. AAE stands for Advanced Academic English.

### **Other ELC Programs**

Check the ELC website for information regarding other programs offered by the ELC.

Online Academic Training ESL 291 and related courses Preparation for Academic Life Special Contract Programs

# **IEP: The Intensive English Program**

The IEP is designed for academically and non-academically bound students.

Includes courses from beginning to advanced levels.

Provides classes in English grammar, reading, writing, speaking, listening, and

vocabulary, as well as special content-based courses.

Provides 20 hours of instruction per week.

Coordinates cultural enrichment activities and field trips.

Classes will meet for an average of 20 classroom hours per week over the course of a 15 week semester (13 weeks in the summer).

Weekly Schedule					
Traditional Teaching Days		Flexible Teaching Day	Traditional Teaching Days		
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Class Hour 1	Class Hour 1	ELC and Course Activities announced by teacher.	Class Hour 1	Class Hour 1	
Class Hour 2	Class Hour 2		Class Hour 2	Class Hour 2	
Class Hour 3	Class Hour 3		Class Hour 3	Class Hour 3	
Class Hour 4	Class Hour 4		Class Hour 4	Class Hour 4	
Class Hour 5	Class Hour 5		Class Hour 5	Class Hour 5	

Generally, classes will meet for 4 hours on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. For Wednesdays, your instructors will announce scheduled workshops and activities, spread out over the session. These activities may occur on other days as well. You may be required to attend these lessons. Two of your IEP courses, Grammar and Vocabulary, are delivered through online instruction.

Optional Activities: The ELC may also schedule optional activities on some Wednesdays or other days of the week. Usually, you will be asked to sign-up for the events, but attendance is NOT required.

**Instructors and Instructional Approach**: Instructors at the ELC are Lecturers, all of whom have M.A. degrees, years of teaching experience, and are professionally active. M.A. graduate teaching assistants in the Teachers of English as a Second Language (TESOL) program or Ph.D. candidates in Second Language Studies also teach in the program under the supervision of Lecturers who are responsible to the Director. The Director is a University Distinguished Professor who specializes in SLA (Second Language Acquisition) and TESOL Methods, and the program is affiliated with the MATESOL program and PhD program in Second Language Studies. Hence, instruction at the ELC is done with consideration of the latest knowledge of SLA, TESOL methods and instructional technology.

# **Classroom Culture**

## **Placement**

Initial placement is based on the MSUELT (MSU English Language Test). Subsequent class placement is by <u>class grade only</u>. (Students studying for less than a full term cannot be placed by class grades).

You must attend the first day of classes to secure a place in a section. If you do not attend the first day of classes, you will lose your class enrollment.

# If you believe you have been misplaced, do the following:

- > speak to your instructors about your concern
- **attend** all your classes and <u>do all required work</u> so that teachers can judge your abilities
- do not write in your textbook and save the textbook receipt
- > submit a Placement Reconsideration Form.

Placement changes will be considered only early in the semester.

# **Attendance Policy**

The English Language Center requires at least 90% attendance over the course of a semester to remain in good standing and for eligibility to enroll for another semester.

Students who exceed 10% absence at any point in the semester are subject to dismissal. Dismissal will result in loss of immigration status and opportunity to live on-campus. The I-20 may no longer be signed for travel endorsement.

Students who do not contact the ELC Student Advisor within 10 working days of being notified that there is an attendance issue may be automatically dismissed. Notification will be through email to the MSU email address.

Re-enrollment may be denied for students failing to maintain 90% attendance. The ELC will deny re-enrollment at its discretion.

All absences should be discussed in advance with the instructor. Absences due to special circumstances and excessive absences should also be discussed with the ELC Student Advisor. In general, there are no excused absences; however, absence due to documented religious reasons and illness will be given special consideration when evaluating a student's eligibility for re-enrollment.

Individual instructors will maintain their own policies regarding make-up work, tests and how attendance counts toward the class grade.

Questions about the class make-up work should be directed to the instructor.

Questions about the general attendance policy can be directed to the ELC Student Advisor.

# **Tardiness**

Tardiness policies will be set by your individual instructors. However, the ELC counts 3 tardies (arriving late to your class) as an absence.

# **Plagiarism**

Copying another student's work or taking information from an outside source and submitting it as your own is considered cheating and is a serious academic offense. All outside information must be cited and credit given to the original source.

### Classrooms

The primary ELC classrooms are Rooms A202, A203, A204 and A206 Wells Hall. Other rooms in Wells Hall and in other campus buildings are used as needed. Students will receive a detailed class schedule on the first day of classes.

# **Advancement Policy**

Initial level placements are based on the results of the ELC placement testing. Students will be placed either in the IEP or the EAP. Teachers are asked to review the suitability of the placements in the first days of the semester.

Placement for subsequent semesters is based initially on class grades. Students who earn a 1.5 grade or lower in a class will not automatically advance and should expect to repeat the level.

# **Final Evaluations and Grades**

### **Evaluation**

Teacher evaluations (class grades) will determine a student's progress through the IEP; grades will be given on a 4.0 scale. A student must achieve a 2.0 in each class with a 2.5 semester average to automatically progress to the next level.

Teachers evaluate students based on their

- ➤ Assignments/Homework
- Quizzes and Tests

Teachers perform this evaluation under the guidance of Skills Coordinators who are full time Lecturers employed by the ELC.

Students may receive midterm progress reports after Week 5 and again after Week 10. Instructors will also provide a final report from instructors at the end of the term (see example on next page). If a student's instructor does not provide a final report, the student may request it.

Copies of the student progress reports may be sent to the academic departments of MSU provisionally admitted students or to the relevant departments for exchange or special program students.

Students can request a final grade transcript at the ELC Office, B230 Wells Hall.

#### **Course Advancement**

Teacher evaluations (class grades) will determine a student's progress through the IEP; grades will be given on a 4.0 scale. A student must achieve a 2.0 in each class with a 2.0 semester average to automatically progress to the next level. Students receiving lower than 2.0 in any single subject will not automatically advance, and may be ineligible to advance. Such students should expect to repeat the level.

Questions about course advancement can be addressed by the ELC Student Advisor.

## **End-of-Term Awards**

At the end of the semester, students may be recognized for

- Outstanding Performance
- Outstanding Attendance
- > Perfect Attendance

# **Student Services**

# **Advising**

- For questions regarding immigration, English language study, cultural and personal issues, please see the ELC Student Advisor at B230 Wells Hall, 353-0800. MSU academic students, however, should direct immigration questions to the Office for International Students and Scholars (OISS), 105 International Center, 353-1720.
- For questions regarding admission to an academic undergraduate or graduate program at Michigan State University, please see the Office of Admissions, 250 Administration Building.
- For questions regarding your academic program, please see an academic advisor in your Neighborhood Engagement Center. Students not living on campus can visit the NSSC (Neighborhood Student Success Collaborative) in any Neighborhood. You can also make an appointment with an advisor in your academic department. [http://neighborhoods.msu.edu/content/neighborhoods-map]

#### Feedback to the ELC

If you have a concern about any situation in your classroom or at the ELC, contact the ELC Student Advisor or the ELC Director at B230 Wells Hall, 353-0800. You may also post your concerns to the ELC e-mail address: elc@msu.edu. If you would like to make a concern known anonymously, feel free to send your comments through the regular mail to the English Language Center, B230 Wells Hall, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824.

### **Health Issues**

**Important!** If you are within 50 minutes of the MSU East Lansing campus, you MUST begin all medical treatment at Olin Health Center (see your Insurance brochure for exceptions).

ALWAYS visit Olin Health Center <u>first</u> when it is open. You should also fill all subscriptions at Olin Health Center. You will have to pay for any expenses incurred for medical treatment at offices/hospitals outside of Olin Health Center if Olin Health Center is open. http://olin.msu.edu/

### Health Insurance

ELC and MSU students are required to be enrolled in the MSU student health insurance program. ELC (language training) students will be billed by the ELC. Academic undergraduate and graduate students are automatically charged for enrollment in this program with their tuition bill.

Sponsored students who wish to waive out of the automatic enrollment in the MSU Student Health Plan must apply for and be granted a waiver. <a href="https://stuinfo.msu.edu">https://stuinfo.msu.edu</a>.

If you have any questions about your health insurance policy, contact the Student Insurance Advisor at the MSU Human Resources office, 140A Nisbet Building, 353-4434. You can also visit the website https://www.hr.msu.edu/students.htm.

Your PID number is your Student Health insurance number.

### Phone Information Nurse

The Olin Health Center Phone Information Nurse service is now available 24 hours per day, seven days a week, year round! The Phone Information Nurse can help students assess symptoms, provide information about local medical facilities, and help students decide whether a health concern warrants a trip to the emergency room or if it can wait for medical care the next morning. The Phone Information Nurse is available, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. After hours, callers will be transferred to a nurse through a receptionist. To access the Phone Information Nurse, day and night, call 353-5557.

# Olin Health Center Hours:

Students can receive routine treatment of illness and minor injuries at a Neighborhood Clinic, located conveniently in each of the five campus residential neighborhoods. Call 353-4660 for an appointment. <a href="http://www.olin.msu.edu/services/neighborhoodclinics.htm">http://www.olin.msu.edu/services/neighborhoodclinics.htm</a> Neighborhood Clinics are closed during the summer semester, and during the winter and spring breaks.

Students can also visit Olin Health Center, the main location for clinical services.

Check the Olin Health Center website for clinic hours: olin.msu.edu

FOR NON-EMERGENCY ILLNESS OR INJURY: IF OLIN IS CLOSED, you can seek treatment at the following facilities and receive in-network.

Lansing Urgent Care: 333-9200 505 N. Clippert

Haslett Redicare: 339-2100 1623 Haslett Rd, Haslett Sparrow Urgent Care Center: 381-4001 2248 Mt. Hope, Okemos

<u>FOR ALL EMERGENCIES</u>: Call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room (Sparrow Hospital, 1215 E. Michigan Avenue).

#### Refunds

If you plan to leave your program of study early, you must meet with the ELC Student Advisor before your departure. Failure to do so may result in future enrollment or immigration problems.

The English Language Center follows the University calendar for issuing refunds. Click on the appropriate semester of the University academic calendar at <a href="https://reg.msu.edu/ROInfo/Calendar/academic.aspx">https://reg.msu.edu/ROInfo/Calendar/academic.aspx</a> All refunds are made directly to the student.

# **Immigration Issues**

You can find up-to-date immigration information at the OISS (Office for International Student and Scholars) website at http://oiss.isp.msu.edu/

Follow the link regarding maintaining your student status and enrollment here http://oiss.isp.msu.edu/students/status/role.htm

You must take these responsibilities seriously; your student status in the United States is at risk if you fail to comply with any of the items. ELC Student Advisors can help you understand your requirements.

**IMPORTANT**: This information is not exhaustive. Contact the ELC Student Advisor at 353-0800 to arrange an appointment to discuss any questions or concerns about your status in the United States. You may be referred to the International Student Advisors at the OISS.

- PASSPORT VALIDITY: maintain a valid passport always
- <u>I-20 VALIDITY</u>: maintain a valid I-20 or DS-2019 always
- <u>COURSE ENROLLMENT</u>: enroll in and attend classes full time every semester. Full time study is: 12 credits per semester for ELC and undergraduate students

9 credits per semester for Master's degree students

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6 credits per semester for PhD students.

- <u>SCHOOL REGISTRATION</u>: attend the college/university listed on your I-20 or DS-2019.
- <u>CHANGE OF ADDRESS</u>: report your change of address or change of name for you and your dependents to the Office of the Registrar within 5 days of the change through <a href="https://login.msu.edu/?App=RO\_AUTHORIZATION\_NET">https://login.msu.edu/?App=RO\_AUTHORIZATION\_NET</a>
- <u>PROGRAM EXTENSION:</u> apply for an extension of your program of study before your I-20 or DS-2019 expires if you plan to continue your studies.
- <u>CHANGE OF PROGRAM</u>: obtain a new I-20 or DS-2019 if you change your academic program (from LANGUAGE TRAINING to a MSU DEGREE PROGRAM, for example) or if you change your major or if your source of funding changes.
- TRAVEL ENDORSEMENT: make sure that your I-20 or DS-2019 is signed for travel by the OISS before traveling outside of the U.S.
  - Travel signatures are not issued on-demand. Check oiss.msu.edu Take your I-20/DS-2019 to OISS, 105 International Center

- <u>WORK</u>: You may NOT work off-campus in the United States as an ELC student. You can work up to 20 hours per week on campus when school is in session and more hours when classes are not in session.
- <u>SCHOOL TRANSFER:</u> If you will transfer to another school, you must notify the ELC Student Advisor of your intent to transfer and fill out a transfer form.
- <u>WITHDRAWAL</u> or <u>DISMISSAL</u>: If you withdraw or are dismissed from the ELC or the University, you must report to the ELC Student Advisor immediately. If you report, you will have 15 days to leave the United States. If you do not report to the ELC Student Advisor, your status ends immediately. The normal grace period of 60 days to remain in the U.S. after program completion does not apply.

# • CHECK YOUR MSU EMAIL REGULARLY

It is recommended that you make and keep copies of all of your immigration documents (passport information pages, visa, I-20, and I-94 information).

# **Recreation:**

# Things to do on campus

Sports: IM Sports Circle: 355-4710

IM Sports East: 353-3136 IM Sports West: 355-5250

Tennis Courts - borrow rackets from IM West

Forest Akers Golf Course 355-1635

Canoe Rental - behind Bessey Hall, under the bridge.

Biking – MSU Bikes (rental, repair) http://bikes.msu.edu/?page\_id=62

Museums: Kresge Art Museum: 353-9834

MSU Museum: 355-2370 Abrams Planetarium: 355-4672 All museums are on campus. See your campus map.

You'll have access to an

indoor pool, an outdoor

pool, aerobics, weight

training equipment and

more at these facilities.

Theater Wharton Center - across from Owen Hall. See http://www.whartoncenter.com

& Music: Music Events Line: 353-5340

Breslin Student Events Center: 432-5000

Gardens: Beal Gardens - located just off West Circle Drive; open any time

Horticultural Gardens - located at the corner of Bogue and Wilson; open any time Greenhouses - Botany Greenhouse - located next to the Old Horticulture Building

Horticulture Greenhouses - located next to the Plant & Soil Science Bldg Plant Sciences Greenhouses - located on the corner of Farm Lane and

Wilson Road.

Michigan 4-H Children's Garden - located by the Plant & Soil Sciences Building

Nature Trails: Sanford Natural Area - located just off Bogue Street, near Shaw Lane

Baker Woodland - located between Bogue Street and Farm Lane on Service Road

# **Admission to Michigan State University**

# The English Language Proficiency Requirement\*

for regular full undergraduate admission to MSU can be met through any *one* of the following tests:

Test	Subscore Minimum	Average Minimum
MSUELT	80	80
TOEFL - Internet-based Test (Undergraduate Level)	17	79
TOEFL - Internet-based Test (Graduate Level)	19 - Reading, Listening & Speaking 22-Writing	80
IELTS	NA	6.5
MELAB	80	83

<sup>\*</sup>IMPORTANT NOTE: Some graduate departments have English language requirements which are higher than the undergraduate University minimum. Graduate students should check with the major department for the minimum requirement.

Where to take the tests:

MSUELT (Michigan State University English Language Test): contact the ELC, B230 Wells Hall, 353-0800

TOEFL: register through the <u>www.ets.org/toefl</u> and ielts.org; MSU Testing Office is an official test site (see <u>www.testingoffice.msu.edu</u>).

IELTS: register through ielts.org

MELAB (Michigan English Language Assessment Battery): to register, see the MSU Testing Office website at <a href="www.testingoffice.msu.edu">www.testingoffice.msu.edu</a> OR contact the English Language Institute 1-866-696-3522, <a href="http://www.lsa.umich.edu/eli/melab.htm">http://www.lsa.umich.edu/eli/melab.htm</a>

#### **Provisional Admission to MSU**

Students who do not meet the above minimum proficiency requirements may be given provisional admission to the university. Provisionally admitted students must take classes at the English Language Center with restrictions placed on the number of academic courses they may take. The provisional admission status is generally valid for one calendar year. Provisional admission is granted to candidates with acceptable academic credentials with the required minimum English test scores. See

 $\underline{\text{https://admissions.msu.edu/apply/international/before-you-apply/english-language-proficiency.as}\\ \underline{px}$ 

It is MSU policy that students provisionally admitted for English have 3 semesters (one calendar year) to meet the MSU language proficiency requirement. Students who are not able to meet the

requirement within this time limit must consult with the ELC Student Advisor and are subject to recess. Recess means that you cannot enroll for classes at MSU for one year and must apply for readmission.

# **Applying for Admission to MSU**

You can apply online for admission to Michigan State University. https://admissions.msu.edu/apply/default.aspx

If you have questions about the admissions process, visit the Office of Admissions, 250 Administration Bldg. There are international admissions counselors on staff with whom you can make an appointment.

# **Academic Programs Information**

Every student and potential student, graduate or undergraduate, is encouraged to explore the various programs of study at MSU.

https://admissions.msu.edu/academics/default.aspx

Students should consult this publication, as well as develop a relationship with the academic advisor, in order to be informed of University policies and departmental degree requirements.

#### **Student Life**

Students are encouraged to review the "SPARTAN LIFE Student Handbook and Resource Guide" for student information services, rights and responsibilities and University regulations <a href="https://studentlife.msu.edu/">https://studentlife.msu.edu/</a>

#### Refunds

If you plan to leave your program of study early, you must meet with the ELC Student Advisor before your departure. Failure to do so may result in future enrollment and immigration problems.

The English Language Center follows the University calendar for issuing refunds. Click on the appropriate semester of the University academic calendar at <a href="https://reg.msu.edu/ROInfo/Calendar/academic.aspx">https://reg.msu.edu/ROInfo/Calendar/academic.aspx</a>

All refunds are made directly to the student.

# Testing, Test Results, and Placement MSUELT: The MSU English Language Test

The MSUELT is used for two purposes only:

- ➤ Initial Placement Testing
- > TOEFL Alternative for admission to MSU

The MSUELT is a norm referenced test battery consisting of three subsections: Listening Comprehension, Reading Comprehension, Writing (essay).

# **MSUELT for Placement Purposes**

The MSUELT is used as a placement test only ONCE in a student's career at the English Language Center. Placement tests are given at the beginning of each term of study. (Subsequent placements are by class evaluation).

• ELC Students: your test date is noted on your admission information.

New MSU Provisionally Admitted Students: you will be directed to sign-up for the MSU English Language Test (MSUELT) through your admission information.

# **Placement Test Results**

How are the results made available?

- Students can access their MSUELT scores through the ELC Student Information website. Information about how to access this site will be provided by email after the test.
- Students are responsible for knowing their own scores and the status of meeting the MSU English language proficiency.

#### Is the MSUELT similar to the TOEFL?

It is important to note that the focus of the English Language Center Placement Test is different than that of TOEFL so that results on the two tests cannot be easily compared. Furthermore, as with the TOEFL and other standard tests, scores are not reported in percentages, but rather in converted standardized scores. Thus, a score of 80 does not necessarily mean 80%.

# How are placements made?

- Initial placements are based on the results of the ELC placement testing. Students will be placed either in the IEP or the EAP. Teachers are asked to review the suitability of the placements in the first days of the semester.
- Placement for subsequent semesters is based initially on class grades. Students who fail a class will not automatically advance and may not advance.

What happens after a student knows his/her initial placement results?

- MSU students for whom English language courses are required will be contacted by their academic College or by the NSSC for those without a major regarding their College Advising and Enrollment Session.
- ELC students should begin attending classes according to instructions given.

For MSU students with English requirements, do all ELC courses have to be taken during the first semester?

- All English requirements must be met before enrolling in academic classes.
- MSU policy requires provisionally admitted students meet the MSU language proficiency requirement within 3 semesters (one calendar year). Students who are not able to meet the requirement within this time limit must consult with the ELC Student Advisor and are subject to recess. Recess means that you cannot enroll for classes at MSU for one year and must apply for readmission.

If you still have questions about your placement, please see the ELC office.

#### **Deferred Placement**

MSU undergraduate and graduate students may receive a "deferred placement" in a subject. This means that you are not required to take the course during the semester in which the course is deferred. Instead, you are required to take a test at the end of the term. You must achieve the minimum proficiency requirement for the University and, in the case of graduate students, for your department. If you do not achieve the minimum proficiency through the test at the end of the term, you are required to take the course during the following semester.

You will be reminded by email to register for the test online. However, if you do not hear anything by the 13th week of the semester, contact the English Language Center office (353-0800). It is your responsibility to take the necessary steps to meet your minimum requirement. You cannot freely enroll in academic classes until you meet the University's minimum proficiency requirement and, for graduate students, the major department's requirement.

#### Waivers

The English Language Center is unable to grant waiver of the University English language requirement. Waivers can only be granted by the Associate Provost of Undergraduate Education (for undergraduates) or by the Dean of the Graduate School. Requests for the waiver must be submitted to the Assc. Provost or the Graduate Dean by the chairperson of the major department.

# **English Language Requirement for Academic Programs**

For undergraduate students:

https://admissions.msu.edu/apply/international/language-requirements

For graduate students: https://grad.msu.edu/english-language-competency

# **MSUELT for Purposes of Admission to MSU**

The MSUELT will be offered during the final week of each semester for students who wish to submit a score to the University for admissions purposes. Therefore, only (1) MSU provisionally admitted students and (2) applicants to an MSU academic program may take the test.

Eligible students may take this test with the following conditions:

- advance sign-up (sign-up procedures will be announced each semester)
- Test fee (waived for provisionally admitted MSU students); contact the ELC for Test fee price.

Results of the test will not be used for placement in 2nd and subsequent semesters of study at the ELC. (Placement for 2nd and subsequent semesters is by class grade).