

# Study in USA Without IELTS 2023



One of the things to check off on your study abroad checklist is the English Proficiency test, most likely the IELTS. But is it mandatory? Well, yes and no. Yes, because you have to prove your fluency to cope with the all-English curriculum and mode of instruction, and not because there are alternatives to the IELTS and some instances when the English proficiency is waived off. Read on to learn more about the IELTS and its siblings and how you can get out of them!

## Is IELTS Required to Study in the USA?

IELTS is seen as crucial for applicants to higher education, yet it is not a requirement for applying to all American universities. This is because it is feasible to study in the USA without IELTS.

IELTS is optional for those who have graduated from a native-English institution. This means if you have completed your undergrad at a university in any native-English country, then you do

not have to prove your proficiency. It is assumed that since you studied in an all-English medium institution of higher education, that you are capable of doing well in your Masters.

Here are some options for how you can study in the USA without IELTS.

- You will require a letter from your prior university confirming that the undergraduate programme you pursued was in English when applying for post-graduate studies.
- English must be one of your high school subjects to enroll in college courses.
- IELTS may not be necessary if you hold a degree from a nation where English is the official language.
- The institution may need you to enroll in its English language preparation course, the Intensive English Language Program (IELP), in which you will receive fundamental language instruction if you cannot furnish proof of testing for the IELTS.

## Universities Accepting Applications Without IELTS

By now, you must be wondering which universities accept applications without IELTS. There are many universities across the USA that accept applications without the IELTS. These universities accept alternative exams or other proof of English language proficiency exams.

- Rice University
- Drexel University
- The University of Dayton
- The University of North Alabama
- California State University
- National Louis University
- University of Colorado Boulder
- The University of Delaware
- The State University of New York
- Northwood University
- University of New Orleans

## Universities and Their Alternatives to IELTS in USA

If you think the IELTS exam is the only acceptable English language proficiency test, you are wrong. The table below provides information on such alternative exams accepted by various universities.

Alternatives to IELTS in USA	
University Name	IELTS Alternative
University of Dayton	PTE/Duolingo

Rice University	Duolingo
University of Delaware	English Language for Internationals (ELI)
University of Colorado	Duolingo
Northwood University	PTE/EIKEN/Cambridge English Test
State University of New York	PTE/Duolingo/ Cambridge English Scale
University of Arkansas	PTE/iTEP/Duolingo/Cambridge Assessment English
University of North Alabama	TOEIC
National Louis University	PTE
University of New Orleans	English Language for Internationals (ELI)
California State University	PTE

## USA Study Visa IELTS Requirements

If you come from a non-English speaking background then obtaining a USA study visa without IELTS can be tough. One of the major requirements for a USA study visa is proficiency in English. But you must have excellent communication skills if you have a letter of acceptance from a US university that does not require IELTS.

**Meridean Overseas Education Consultants**, consults why IELTS is important in [study in USA](#) and gives the proper knowledge about how to apply at top universities of the USA, how to prepare the SOP, interview Coaching, Pre-departure and Post-Arrival Support, etc. IELTS is optional for those who have graduated from a native-English institution. This means if you have completed your undergrad at a university in any native-English country, then you do not have to prove your proficiency. The benefits of taking the IELTS test: It is a recognized and respected test by universities and other institutions around the world, It is a fair and impartial test that assesses your English language skills in a standardized way, It can help you to improve your English language skills.

If you are interested in taking the IELTS test or study abroad, you can find more information on [meridean.org](http://meridean.org) or mail us [application02@meridean.org](mailto:application02@meridean.org)