

English Language Proficiency Tests

1. Aptis Placement Test

Aptis is an English language test service provided by British Council which is currently used by PMU to accurately determine English language levels for students.

Once the candidates meet the admission's general requirements, they will be scheduled to take Aptis test (visit [Aptis webpage](https://www.britishcouncil.org/exam/aptis)) (<https://www.britishcouncil.org/exam/aptis>) for English level proficiency, based on which they will be admitted to their corresponding level.

The duration of the placement test is approximately 4 hours. Candidates are highly encouraged to visit the below links to explore the Aptis before sitting for the test.

<https://www.britishcouncil.org/exam/aptis/take>

- Aptis listening video and demo test

<https://www.britishcouncil.org/exam/aptis/listening>

- Aptis reading video and demo test

<https://www.britishcouncil.org/exam/aptis/reading>

- Aptis speaking video and demo test

<https://www.britishcouncil.org/aptis-speaking-video>

- Aptis writing video and demo test

<https://www.britishcouncil.org/exam/aptis/writing>

- Aptis grammar and vocabulary demo test

<https://www.britishcouncil.org/exam/aptis/take/aptis-grammar-and-vocabulary>

They may also refer to the Aptis Candidate Guide ([Click here](#)). **Appendix 3.3 (Aptis Candidate Guide)**

Based on candidates overall and writing scores, they will be placed on one of the following levels:

Level
Pre Beginner
Beginner
Intermediate
Advanced

- a. If a candidate feels that he/she is eligible for direct entry into the Core Program, he / she will be required to take the IELTS through the PMU Testing Center or any other authorized testing center ([Apply for IELTS](#)).

*PMU offers preparation classes for IELTS through the Continuing Education department. The students can also sit for IELTS test in [PMU Testing Center](#) ([Hyperlink](#))
<http://csbd.pmu.edu.sa/Admission/Registration.aspx>

2. The International English Language Testing System (IELTS)

Applicants can bypass the English courses in the Preparatory Program or alternatively might be admitted to different level in the Preparatory Program if the candidate provides a valid IELTS certificate (Academic version) ([Apply for IELTS](#)) and successfully meets one of the below requirements of the categories below:

LEVEL	IELTS Overall	IELTS Writing
Core	5.5	5.0
Advanced	5.0	4.5
Intermediate	4.5	4.0
Beginner	4.0	3.5
Pre-Beginner	N/A	N/A
The validation of the IELTS certificate	Two years from the date of IELTS test to the commencement date of the applied semester	

3. Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) iBT

Applicants can bypass the English courses in the Preparatory Program or alternatively might be admitted to different level in the Preparatory Program if the candidate provides a valid TOEFL iBT score report and successfully meets one of the below minimum requirements of the categories below:

LEVEL	TOEFL iBT Overall	TOEFL iBT Writing
Core	69	17
Advanced	63	15
Intermediate	54	13
Beginner	42	11
Pre-Beginner	N/A	N/A
The validation of the TOEFL iBT report	Two years from the date of TOEFL iBT test to the commencement date of the applied semester	