

## Criteria of Exemptions from ESL courses

The criteria of exemptions from ESL courses are as follows:

1. A minimum TOEFL score of 79, or
2. A minimum IELTS score of 6.0, or
3. A minimum duolingo score of 100, or
4. Completed 6 credits with a grade of “C” or above (or equivalent) of college-level English courses from universities from English speaking countries, or
5. Graduated from a high school in an English-speaking country.

If students meet one of the above criteria, they are allowed to be exempted from the following ESL courses: ESL 0200, ESL 0203, ESL 0205, ESL 0303, ESL 0305, ESL 0403 and ESL 0405. For the exemption, please submit a copy of the relevant score report(s) or transcript(s) to Ms. Yanqun Guan, the Assistant to the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, in person (GEH A313) or via email ([guanyanqun@wku.edu.cn](mailto:guanyanqun@wku.edu.cn)).

For students who do not meet the criteria mentioned above but completed 2-year college study in accredited universities from English-speaking countries and maintain good academic standing, the credential for granting the exemption will be evaluated by the Executive Director of the English Department. In this case, please contact Ms. Ruiying Dong ([dongruiying@wku.edu.cn](mailto:dongruiying@wku.edu.cn)), the Assistant to the English Department, for further processing.

If students would like to be exempted from the ESL courses within the spring semester or fall semester, they should submit the ESL exemption request before the last day for withdrawing from courses with “W” grade.