English Proficiency Requirements

Johnson & Wales University recognizes a number of examinations as proof of English proficiency. Acceptable proof of English proficiency may include one of the following comparable English proficiency examinations:

- PTE Academic (Pearson Test of English) - score of 53
- IELTS (International English Language Testing System, Cambridge) - Band score of 6.5
- TOEFL iBT (Test of English as a Foreign Language internet-based, ETS) - score of 80
- TOEFL PPT (Test of English as a Foreign Language paper-based, ETS) - score of 550
- ELS Level 112 Certificate of Completion and Academic Report (transcript)
- City & Guilds Pitman ESOL Examinations – Higher Intermediate or Expert Level
- CAE (Certificate in Advanced English, Cambridge) – C1 or C2 Level
- LTE (The London Tests of English, Edexcel) – Level 4 (Advanced)
- MELAB (Michigan English Language Battery) – score of 77
- SAT Critical Reading & Writing - section scores of 450 in each
- ACT English/Writing – combined score of 19
- ACT English & Reading – section scores of 19 in each
- S.T.E.P. Eiken (Society for Testing English Proficiency) - Grade 1

Other English language examination results will also be considered, and experience studying in the English language, as documented through institution transcripts, will be taken into consideration.

To meet English proficiency requirements, all English language examination results must be submitted on an official test transcript that is no more than two years old. TOEFL scores must be received as official ETS scores. The Johnson & Wales University Designated Institution (D.I.) code is: 3465. This code should be used on your TOEFL registration form so that your scores will be sent to us directly.

Students may be exempted from individual ESL classes based on their individual test section scores. Individual section scores and total scores must also meet minimum score requirements; Johnson & Wales University also reserves the right to require a student to take ESL classes to increase proficiency in a particular area, regardless of total test scores.