

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY POLICY

1. Policy

To be successful in the English for Academic (EAP) program a student must possess a minimum language proficiency level of IELTS 5.5 Academic. All EAP courses at Hanson Language School (hereinafter called 'HLS') are delivered in English.

2. Requirements

- 2.1. To be admitted into the EAP program at HLS, all students must meet the language proficiency requirements described below.

3. HLS Placement Test

- 3.1. An international student wishing to enroll in an EAP program at HLS must successfully complete the HLS Placement Test before the program's start date.
- 3.2. It is the responsibility of the student to book a time to take the HLS Placement Test before the program's start date and to attend that appointment.
- 3.3. To be successful on the HLS Placement Test, a student must demonstrate that he/she has an English language proficiency equivalent to IELTS 5.5.
- 3.4. A student demonstrating this level of language proficiency will be admitted directly to the EAP program.
- 3.5. A minimum mark of 85% must be achieved on the HLS Placement Test to satisfy this requirement. Students who have achieved a minimum of 85% on the HLS Placement Test will meet the admission requirement and will be allowed to enroll directly to EAP.
- 3.6. Students scoring 84% or below on the HLS Placement Test will be placed in an English as a Second Language (ESL) class corresponding to their proficiency level. They will progress through the ESL levels until they meet the minimum requirement for entry into the English for Academic Purposes (EAP) program. Upon completing the necessary ESL levels, students will advance to the EAP program. This ensures that students needing additional English language support have the opportunity to improve their skills before entering the academic environment of the EAP program.
- 3.7. The HLS Placement Test will be administered and graded by an instructor or designate who has appropriate qualifications in English as a Second Language assessment.
- 3.8. A student is permitted to take the HLS Placement Test more than once. The time required between attempts at the HLS Placement Test is at the discretion of the Academic Administrator.
- 3.9. It is the responsibility of the Academic Administrator to oversee the administration of the HLS Placement Test, as well as its integrity, grading, and the communication of the results of the Academic Administrators responsible for the admission and enrolment process.
- 3.10. Test results will be available to the student a maximum of one (1) business day after writing the HLS Placement Test