

**English Programs for Internationals
University of South Carolina**

**PROFICIENCY SCALE
and
PLACEMENT CRITERIA**

Revised Spring II 2024

OVERALL PLACEMENT		WG PLACEMENT				RV PLACEMENT			SL PLACEMENT			
	iBT IELTS CEFR	Alt*	Minimum		Placement	Alt*	Min Ac (raw)	Placement	Alt*	Minimum		Placement
		iBT Write	WS	Ac (raw)		iBT Read			OI	Ac (raw)		
		IELTS Write				IELTS List/Sp						
6	61+ 6.0+ B2.1	21	74	105	78-100	15	105	88-100	15/18	52	82	70-100
		6.0				6.0			6.0			
5	48-60 5.5 B1.2	18	69	90	71-79	12	82	68-90	11/16	45	75	62-72
		5.5				6.0			5.5			
4	34-47 5.0 B1.1	14	63	75	63-72	9	73	60-70	6/14	39	66	54-64
		5.0				5.5			5.5/5.0			
3	22-33 4.5 A2.2		55	57	53-65		59	49-62		29	58	43-56
2	12-22 A2.1		45	40	42-55		31	25-50		20	37	28-44
1	0-12 A1		34	0	0-44		0	0-27		0	0	0-30

WRITING/GRAMMAR PLACEMENT

Students must meet the minimum requirements for both Writing Sample and Accuplacer Language Use, and have a placement score within the listed range

$$\text{Placement score} = \text{WS} \cdot .7 + (\text{ACP ESL Language Use}/4) = 100$$

READING/VOCABULARY PLACEMENT

Students must meet the minimum requirement for Accuplacer Reading, and have a placement score within the listed range

$$\text{Placement score} = (\text{ACP ESL Reading})/1.2 = 100$$

SPEAKING/LISTENING PLACEMENT

Students must meet the minimum requirements for both Oral Interview and Accuplacer Listening, and have a placement score within the listed range

$$\text{Placement score} = (\text{OI FLU} \cdot 2.7) + (\text{OI PRO} \cdot .59) + \text{OI GR} + (\text{ACCU ESL Listening} \cdot .225) = 100$$

$$\text{Oral Interview score} = (\text{OI FLU} \cdot 2.7) + (\text{OI PRO} \cdot .59) + \text{OI GR} = 73$$

*Official score reports are required for an iBT/IELTS score to serve as an alternate placement sub-score