

MSRED English Evaluation Test (EET) Policy

All international students who enroll at MIT must take the **English Evaluation Test (EET)** as a prerequisite for registration if English is not their primary language (or if English was not the primary language in primary and secondary school). **TOEFL or IELTS scores or waivers are not cause for exemption from this exam.**

The <u>English Language Studies Department</u> administers the test, which is mandated by the <u>Office of Graduate Education (OGE)</u>. Results are sent to departments with recommendations for coursework.

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- Students that receive an "L-" score on any of the exam sections (Listening Comprehension, Grammar and Reading, Interview, or Writing Task), will be required to take the related, recommended English language course offered by 21G (Global Studies and Languages)
- "L" or "L+" scores are cause for strongly recommendation.
- Any English language course taken may be counted as the student's "Required Elective" option for the semester in which the recommended class is offered.
- Students may take the course "P/D/F," (pass/fail) so that there is no negative impact on overall GPA.

Rationale

- Acknowledging the difference between studying English/taking exams in English in one's home country and immersion in the language in a foreign country during a course of study is necessary, especially as related to:
 - Keeping pace with intensive coursework
 - Completing a thesis without extensive assistance from either the Writing Center or a thesis advisor
 - Participating in networking and course opportunities in which students are required to interact in English which may lead to an internship or full-time opportunity in the U.S.
 - Acculturating and preventing isolation of one or a small group of students from the larger cohort