WHO MUST TAKE THE
ENGLISH PLACEMENT TEST FOR NON-NATIVE SPEAKERS OF ENGLISH (EPT)

This checklist will help you determine whether your international/non-native English-speaking advisee (including an exchange student taking English classes) needs to take the EPT.

1. WHAT IS THE STUDENT’S NATIVE LANGUAGE?

_____ Refer to native language on student’s record. If English, student does not need to take the EPT.

2. IF THE STUDENT’S NATIVE LANGUAGE IS NOT ENGLISH, HE/SHE IS EXEMPT FROM THE EPT WITH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

NOTE: All scores below must be an official score (not an unofficial self-report score)

_____ Graduated from U.S. high school (including Puerto Rico high schools) and ACT-E score is 16 or above and/or SAT-V 410 or above.

_____ ACT-E score of 24 or higher, or a SAT-V of 550 or higher. English placement is 250. Student must take 250 here at ISU and receive a “C” or better in order to receive the 150 “T” credit.

_____ ACT-E score of 23 with an American final (not action) high school rank of 75% or higher. English placement is English 250. Student must take 250 here at ISU and receive a “C” or better in order to receive the 150 “T” credit.

_____ Received a bachelor’s, master’s, or Ph.D. degree from an English-speaking university in the U.S.A., Canada, Great Britain, New Zealand, or Australia.

_____ TOEFL score of 640 or above (paper-based)

_____ TOEFL IBT score of 105 or above (internet-based)

_____ IELTS score of 8.0 or above

_____ PTE (Pearson Test of English-Academic) score of 72 or above

_____ International exchange student who does not plan to take classes in the English Department.

NOTE: EVEN A STUDENT WITH TRANSFER CREDIT FOR ENGLISH 150 AND/OR 250 MUST TAKE THE EPT IF THE CHECKLIST ABOVE SO INDICATES.

If you have any general questions about the EPT or specific questions about a student’s placement, please contact the EPT Office at ept@iastate.edu or call Elizabeth Lee at 294-6398. If you have other questions, please contact Professor Volker Hegelheimer at 294-2282, volkerh@iastate.edu.