



Admission Requirements

All applicants whose prior education was not conducted in English and are not native English speakers must demonstrate English proficiency in one of the following ways:

- TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) score of at least 79. (Stritch TOEFL code is 1100).
<http://www.ets.org/toefl>
- IELTS (International English Language Testing System) score of at least 6.5.
<https://www.ielts.org/>
TOEFL/IELTS scores cannot be older than 2 years prior to desired enrollment date.
- 24 credits of successful U.S. academic coursework (ESL courses not applicable).
- WESLI (Wisconsin English as a Second Language Institute) 700-level course completion.

TOEFL Waivers

You may qualify for a TOEFL Waiver if you meet one of the following criteria:

- Attended for at least 3 years, full time, an international educational institution at the secondary level or above where English is the principal language of instruction. (This must be verified by the institution.)
- Have lived in the United States for 5 years or more and can demonstrate a strong verbal and written command of English.
- Attended at least 3 full years at a U.S. high school.
- Earned a Bachelor's degree or higher from a U.S. educational institution.

If you do not meet any of the above criteria but are confident in your English proficiency, you may ask to interview with our English Proficiency Committee to be evaluated.

If you qualify for a waiver:

Complete the "TOEFL-Waiver Request Form", which is page 2 of this document. Return the completed form, along with the 1-page writing sample that the form asks for, to:

Keeley Madison - kkmadison@stritch.edu

Or mail to:

Cardinal Stritch University / Keeley Madison – BH1069 / 6801 N. Yates Rd / Milwaukee, WI 53217



Office Use Only:

Waiver Granted

Waiver Denied

Signature of ELL Specialist

Date

Notes:

TOEFL-Waiver Request Form

Please print or type.

Applicant Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____

Country _____ ZIP/Postal _____

Email _____ Phone _____

All applicants, regardless of citizenship, whose native language is other than English, are required to present scores for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) before they can be admitted to the university, unless certain exceptions are met. The requirement may be waived if you meet the eligibility standards based on the information you provide.

Check all that apply to you:

_____ I attended for at least 3 years, full time, an international educational institution at the secondary level or above where English is the principal language of instruction. (You must attach written verification from the institution.)

_____ I have lived in the United States for 5 years or more and can demonstrate a strong verbal and written command of English.

_____ I attended at least 3 full years at a U.S. high school.

_____ I earned a Bachelor's degree or higher from a U.S. educational institution.

_____ I cannot check any of the above, but I am confident in my English proficiency and would like to continue with the waiver process.

Please submit:

- This completed form.
- A 1-page writing sample from one of the topics listed on the following page.
- Any necessary supporting documents, including verification from past institutions.

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Email to: Keeley Madison - kkmadison@stritch.edu

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____



TOEFL-Waiver Request Writing Sample Topics

Choose one of the following topics and write a 1-page response.

1. Has social media improved or impaired the way we communicate overall?
2. Do you think new parents should be required to attend childcare courses to prepare to raise children?
3. Online shopping has boomed in popularity recently; do you see this as a positive or a negative change?
4. What impact do you feel the Olympics has on the world? Do you think anything needs to change about the Olympics?
5. Some countries require all citizens, by law, to vote in elections. What do you think about this?
6. What are the benefits of attending university in another country?
7. What is more important, talent or hard work?
8. What are some social norms in your country that tourists may be surprised by?
9. What is one of the biggest social problems in your country these days?
10. Online product reviews have become hugely popular; what are some of the positive and negative points of this development?

TOEFL-Waiver Request Writing Sample

The topic I have chosen is _____.

Writing sample: