



Center for Real Estate

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 [English Language Studies Department](#) administers the test, which is mandated by the [Office of Graduate Education \(OGE\)](#). Results are sent to departments with recommendations for coursework.

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- Students that receive an “L-” or “I” 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