

02.02 Placement and Promotion

How will I be placed in a level?

To enter the Intensive English Program of the Language and Culture Center (LCC), you must take three placement tests:

Placement Tests	Percentage (%) of Placement Score	Placement Test Descriptions
CaMLA Test	50%	A multiple-choice exam that tests a student's listening and reading comprehension, grammar and vocabulary mastery
Speaking Test	25%	An oral examination that tests content, grammar, and fluency
Writing Sample	25%	A test that evaluates grammar, vocabulary, organization, content, and mechanics

The Placement Score, on a 100-point proficiency scale, is a weighted average, which is used as a guide for initial placement.

Level	Fall, Spring, and Summer Term 13/14-Week Course Placement Score	Summer II Term 7-Week Course Placement Score	All Terms Promotion Score
1	0 - 26	0 - 35	0 - 26
2	27 - 43	36 - 51	27 - 43
3	44 - 58	52 - 65	44 - 58
4	59 - 71	66 - 76	59 - 71
5	72 - 81	77 - 83	72 - 81
6	82 - 100	84 - 100	82 - 100
G (Completed Level 6 and Graduated)			85 - 100

Note: Expected level outcomes are available in Section 05.08.

For example, you scored a 75 on the CaMLA Test, an 80 on the Speaking Test, and a 66 on the Writing Sample:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 75 \times 50\% = 37.5 \\
 + \quad 80 \times 25\% = 20 \\
 + \quad 66 \times 25\% = 16.5 \\
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 37.5 + 20 + 16.5 = 74
 \end{array}$$

The Placement Score is 74, therefore you would be placed in Level 5.

How do I get promoted to a next level?

Promotion is calculated based on the MTELP, the Writing Sample, and the Teacher Evaluation Score. The Promotion Score is calculated as follows:

Promotion Tests	Percentage (%) of Promotion Score	Promotion Test Descriptions
Teacher Evaluation Score	33%	A score that shows your performance in class.
MTELP	33%	A multiple-choice exam that tests a student's listening and reading comprehension, grammar and vocabulary mastery
Writing Sample	33%	A test that evaluates grammar, vocabulary, organization, content, and mechanics

For example, you scored an 85 on the Teacher Evaluation, an 80 on the MTELP, and an 81 on the Writing Sample:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 85 \times 33\% = 28 \\
 + \quad 80 \times 33\% = 26 \\
 + \quad 81 \times 33\% = 28 \\
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 28 + 26 + 28 = 82
 \end{array}$$

The Promotion Score is 82, therefore you would be promoted to Level 6.

I successfully completed Level 6 in the LCC. Do I have to submit TOEFL or IELTS scores when I apply for UH?


Students who have successfully completed Level 6 in the LCC are not required to present a TOEFL score when seeking admission to undergraduate programs and a growing number of graduate programs at the University of Houston.

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