

Policy and Procedure of Preparatory Pre-College English Language Program Equivalency

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Equivalencies with the INTERLINK English Program:

Students who seek admission to YU must have one of the following:

- 1/ The Academic IELTS Equivalency.
- 2/ The TOEFL/TOEFL iBT Equivalency.
- 3/ INTERLINK Placement Test.

The criteria for IELTS equivalency are as follows:

- The exemption with IELTS is set at a total of 5.5 total score WITH a minimum of 5.0 score in each of the modules of Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening.
- The IELTS scores validity is for **two years after the test date**.

The criteria for TOEFL equivalency are as follows:

- To be exempt from the INTERLINK program, students must receive a minimum score of 65 on their TOEFL/iBT Test or 513 in TOEFL paper-based.
- The TOEFL scores validity is for **two years after the test date**.

Procedure of Equivalency:

When a NEW or Currently enrolled student applies for admission into YU, and presents either TOEFL (513)/TOEFL iBT 65 or IELTS (5.5 Total, with 5.0 as a minimum in each category of Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking), the Office of Admissions/Registrar should:

- 1- Share a scanned copy of the official IELTS or TOEFL transcript via email with the INTERLINK Director.
- 2- INTERLINK will verify the transcript and declare the student "EXEMPT" from the preparatory Pre-college English program.
- 3- The Office of Admissions/Registrar will proceed with the admission procedure.

General Guidelines for Preparatory pre-college English Language Program:

A student may start taking some pre-college and/or introductory courses while attending the Preparatory English Language program as per the below guidelines:

- 1- A student must systematically enroll in an R Level AND a C Level back-to-back all the way until the completion of ORN05-R and ORN05-C.
- 2- A student cannot drop any INTERLINK English language level (R or C) unless s/he also drops all the concurrently enrolled English level (R or C) AS WELL AS all academic courses enrolled in (even during the Add and Drop period).
- 3- A student can start taking Arabic and Islamic Culture Courses concurrently with ORN3-R and ORN3-C based on the study plan of a program. A student can start taking academic courses upon completion of ORN3-R and ORN3-C based on the prerequisite courses in the study plan of a program.
- 4- For exemption from the University Pre-College Preparatory Program (UPC), a student must show evidence of completing the requirements of: either the TOEFL 513/the TOEFL iBt 65 or the IELTS 5.5 (with a minimum of 5.0 in each category) OR completion of both Levels ORN05-C and ORN05-R in the INTERLINK program.

Procedure of Equivalency:

Dropping the Pre-College English Language courses procedure is as per the guidelines above and per the YU policy on dropping courses.

Exceptions

The University Council reserves the right to decide on any situation/circumstance outside of the conditions stated in this policy.

Authorization

This policy was authorized by:



University President

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