

## International Students & Scholars

### Undergraduate Admission

#### English Proficiency Waiver List

**\*Please Note:** The Oklahoma Board of Regents for Higher Education allow the English proficiency requirements to be waived for high school students who graduate from high school where English is the primary language in a country where English is a primary language, and for transfer students who have attend a college or university where English is a primary language and that is recognized by professional organizations in the U.S. involved in admission and international education for a minimum of 24 semester credit hours with passing grades and who meet other transfer requirements. UCO reserves the right to require an English language proficiency test in all circumstances.

Country	Languages	Eligible for Potential English Proficiency Waiver
Afghanistan	Afghan Persian or Dari (official), Pashto (official), Turkic languages (primarily Uzbek and Turkmen), 30 minor languages (primarily Balochi and Pashai),	
Akrotiri	English, Greek	Reviewable
Albania	Albanian (official - derived from Tosk dialect), Greek, Vlach, Romani, Slavic dialects	
Algeria	Arabic (official), French, Berber dialects	
American Samoa	Samoan (closely related to Hawaiian and other Polynesian languages), English, Tongan, other Pacific islander, other	Reviewable
Andorra	Catalan (official), French, Castilian, Portuguese	
Angola	Portuguese (official), Bantu and other African languages	
Anguilla	English (official)	Yes
Antigua and Barbuda	English (official), local dialects	Yes
Argentina	Spanish (official), Italian, English, German, French	Reviewable
Armenia	Armenian, Yezidi, Russian, other	
Aruba	Papiamento (a Spanish-Portuguese-Dutch-English dialect), Spanish, English (widely spoken), Dutch (official), other, unspecified or unknown	Reviewable
Australia	English, Chinese, Italian, other, unspecified 5.8%	Yes
Austria	German (official nationwide), Turkish, Serbian, Croatian (official in Burgenland), other (includes Slovene, official in Carinthia, and Hungarian, official in Burgenland)	
Azerbaijan	Azerbaijani (Azeri), Lezgi, Russian, Armenian, other, unspecified	
Bahamas, The	English (official), Creole (among Haitian immigrants)	Yes
Bahrain	Arabic, English, Farsi, Urdu	
Bangladesh	Bangla (official, also known as Bengali), English	
Barbados	English	Yes
Belarus	Belarusian, Russian, other	
Belgium	Dutch (official) French (official), German (official)	

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Belize	Spanish , Creole, Mayan dialects, English (official), Garifuna (Carib), German, other, unknown	Yes
Benin	French (official), Fon and Yoruba (most common vernaculars in south), tribal languages (at least six major ones in north)	
Bermuda	English (official), Portuguese	Yes
Bhutan	Dzongkha (official), Bhotese speak various Tibetan dialects, Nepalese speak various Nepalese dialects	
Bolivia	Spanish (official), Quechua (official), Aymara (official)	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Bosnian, Croatian, Serbian	
Botswana	Setswana , Kalanga, Sekgalagadi, English (official)	Yes
Brazil	Portuguese (official and most widely spoken language); note - less common languages include Spanish (border areas and schools), German, Italian, Japanese, English, and a large number of minor Amerindian languages	
British Virgin Islands	English (official)	Yes
Brunei	Malay (official), English, Chinese	Reviewable
Bulgaria	Bulgarian, Turkish, Roma	
Burkina Faso	French (official), native African languages belonging to Sudanic family	
Burma	Burmese, minority ethnic groups have their own languages	
Burundi	Kirundi (official), French (official), Swahili	
Cambodia	Khmer (official) , French, English	
Cameroon	24 major African language groups, English (official), French (official)	Yes
Canada	English (official), French (official)	Yes
Cape Verde	Portuguese, Crioulo (a blend of Portuguese and West African words)	
Cayman Islands	English, Spanish	Reviewable
Central African Republic	French (official), Sangho (lingua franca and national language), tribal languages	
Chad	French (official), Arabic (official), Sara (in south)	
Chile	Spanish (official), Mapudungun, German, English	
China	Standard Chinese or Mandarin (Putonghua, based on the Beijing dialect), Yue (Cantonese), Wu (Shanghainese), Minbei (Fuzhou), Minnan (Hokkien-Taiwanese), Xiang, Gan, Hakka dialects, minority languages (see Ethnic groups entry)	
Christmas Island	English (official), Chinese, Malay	Yes
Cocos (Keeling) Islands	Malay (Cocos dialect), English	Reviewable
Colombia	Spanish	
Comoros	Arabic (official), French (official), Shikomoro (a blend of Swahili and Arabic)	

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Congo, Democratic Republic of the	French (official), Lingala (a lingua franca trade language), Kingwana (a dialect of Kiswahili or Swahili), Kikongo, Tshiluba	
Congo, Republic of the	French (official), Lingala and Monokutuba (lingua franca trade languages), many local languages and dialects (of which Kikongo is the most widespread)	
Cook Islands	English (official), Maori	Yes
Costa Rica	Spanish (official), English	Reviewable
Cote d'Ivoire	French (official), 60 native dialects with Dioula the most widely spoken	
Croatia	Croatian, Serbian, other including Italian, Hungarian, Czech, Slovak, and German	
Cuba	Spanish	
Cyprus	Greek, Turkish, English	
Czech Republic	Czech, Slovak	
Denmark	Danish, Faroese, Greenlandic (an Inuit dialect), German (small minority) <i>note: English is the predominant second language</i>	Reviewable
Dhekelia	English, Greek	Reviewable
Djibouti	French (official), Arabic (official), Somali, Afar	
Dominica	English (official), French patois	Yes
Dominican Republic	Spanish	
Ecuador	Spanish (official), Amerindian languages (especially Quechua)	
Egypt	Arabic (official), English and French	
El Salvador	Spanish, Nahua (among some Amerindians)	
Equatorial Guinea	Spanish (official), French (official), Fang, Bubi	
Eritrea	Afar, Arabic, Tigre and Kunama, Tigrinya, other Cushitic languages	
Estonia	Estonian (official), Russian	
Ethiopia	Amarigna , Oromigna, Tigrigna, Somaligna, Guaragigna, Sidamigna , Hadiyigna	
Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas)	English	Yes
Faroe Islands	Faroese (derived from Old Norse), Danish	
Fiji	English (official), Fijian (official), Hindustani	Yes
Finland	Finnish (official), Swedish (official)	
France	French	
French Polynesia	French 61.1% (official), Polynesian 31.4% (official), Asian languages 1.2%, other 0.3%, unspecified 6% (2002 census)	
Gabon	French (official), Fang, Myene, Nzebi, Bapounou/Eschira, Bandjabi	
Gambia, The	English (official), Mandinka, Wolof, Fula, other indigenous vernaculars	Yes

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Gaza Strip	Arabic, Hebrew (spoken by many Palestinians), English (widely understood)	
Georgia	Georgian 71% (official), Russian 9%, Armenian 7%, Azeri 6%, other 7%	
Germany	<i>note:</i> Abkhaz is the official language in Abkhazia German	
Ghana	Asante, Ewe, Fante, Boron (Brong), Dagomba, Dangme, Dagarte (Dagaba), Akyem 3.4%, Ga 3.4%, Akuapem 2.9%, other 36.1% (includes English (official)) (2000 census)	Yes
Gibraltar	English (used in schools and for official purposes), Spanish, Italian, Portuguese	Yes
Greece	Greek 99% (official), other 1% (includes English and French)	
Greenland	Greenlandic (East Inuit), Danish, English	Reviewable
Grenada	English (official), French patois	Yes
Guam	English, Chamorro, Philippine languages, other Pacific island languages, Asian languages	Reviewable
Guatemala	Spanish, Amerindian languages (23 officially recognized Amerindian languages, including Quiche, Cakchiquel, Kekchi, Mam, Garifuna, and Xinca)	
Guernsey	English, French, Norman-French dialect spoken in country districts	Reviewable
Guinea	French (official); note - each ethnic group has its own language	
Guinea-Bissau	Portuguese (official), Crioulo, African languages	
Guyana	English, Amerindian dialects, Creole, Caribbean Hindustani (a dialect of Hindi), Urdu	Yes
Haiti	French (official), Creole (official)	
Holy See (Vatican City)	Italian, Latin, French, various other languages	
Honduras	Spanish, Amerindian dialects	
Hong Kong	Chinese (Cantonese) (official), other Chinese dialects, English (official)	Reviewable
Hungary	Hungarian	
Iceland	Icelandic, English, Nordic languages, German widely spoken	Reviewable
India	Hindi, Bengali, Telugu, Marathi, Tamil, Urdu, Gujarati, Kannada, Malayalam, Oriya, Punjabi, Assamese, Maithili	
Indonesia	Bahasa Indonesia (official, modified form of Malay), English, Dutch, local dialects (the most widely spoken of which is Javanese)	
Iran	Persian and Persian dialects, Turkic and Turkic dialects, Kurdish, Luri, Balochi, Arabic, Turkish	

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Iraq	Arabic, Kurdish (official in Kurdish regions), Turkoman (a Turkish dialect), Assyrian (Neo-Aramaic), Armenian	
Ireland	English (official) is the language generally used, Irish (Gaelic or Gaeilge) (official)	Yes
Isle of Man	English, Manx Gaelic	Reviewable
Israel	Hebrew (official), Arabic used officially for Arab minority	
Italy	Italian (official), German (parts of Trentino-Alto Adige region are predominantly German speaking), French (small French speaking minority in Valle d'Aosta region), Slovene (Slovene-speaking minority in the Trieste-Gorizia area)	
Jamaica	English, English patois	Yes
Japan	Japanese	
Jersey	English (official), Portuguese	Yes
Jordan	Arabic (official), English widely understood among upper and middle classes	
Kazakhstan	Kazakh (Qazaq, state language), Russian (official, used in everyday business, designated the "language of interethnic communication")	
Kenya	English (official), Kiswahili (official),	Yes
Kiribati	I-Kiribati, English (official)	Yes
Korea, North	Korean	
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Kosovo	Albanian (official), Serbian (official), Bosnian, Turkish, Roma	
Kuwait	Arabic (official), English widely spoken	
Kyrgyzstan	Kyrgyz (official), Uzbek, Russian (official), Dungun	
Laos	Lao (official), French, English, and various ethnic languages	
Latvia	Latvian (official), Russian, Lithuanian	
Lebanon	Arabic (official), French, English, Armenian	
Lesotho	Sesotho (southern Sotho), English (official), Zulu, Xhosa	Yes
Liberia	English (official), some 20 ethnic group languages,	
Libya	Arabic, Italian, English, all are widely understood in the major cities	
Liechtenstein	German (official), Alemannic dialect	
Lithuania	Lithuanian (official), Russian, Polish	
Luxembourg	Luxembourgish (national language), German (administrative language), French (administrative language)	
Macau	Cantonese, Hokkien, Mandarin, other Chinese dialects, English, Tagalog	Reviewable
Macedonia	Macedonian , Albanian, Turkish, Roma, Serbian	
Madagascar	English (official), French (official), Malagasy (official)	

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Malawi	Chichewa (official), Chinyanja, Chiyao, Chitumbuka, Chisena, Chilomwe, Chitonga	
Malaysia	Bahasa Malaysia (official), English, Chinese (Cantonese, Mandarin, Hokkien, Hakka, Hainan, Foochow), Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Panjabi, Thai note: in East Malaysia there are several indigenous languages; most widely spoken are Iban and Kadazan	Reviewable
Maldives	Maldivian Dhivehi (dialect of Sinhala, script derived from Arabic), English spoken by most government officials	
Mali	French (official), Bambara, numerous African languages	
Malta	Maltese (official) , English (official)	Yes
Marshall Islands	Marshallese (official)	
Mauritania	Arabic (official and national), Pulaar, Soninke, Wolof (all national languages), French, Hassaniya	
Mauritius	Creole, Bhojpuri, French, English (official; spoken by less than 1% of the population)	
Mayotte	Mahorian (a Swahili dialect), French (official language) spoken by 35% of the population	
Mexico	Spanish only , Spanish and indigenous languages	
Micronesia, Federated States of	English (official and common language), Chuukese, Kosrean, Pohnpeian, Yapese, Ulithian, Woleaian, Nukuoro, Kapingamarangi	Yes
Moldova	Moldovan (official, virtually the same as the Romanian language), Russian, Gagauz (a Turkish dialect)	
Monaco	French (official), English, Italian, Monegasque	Reviewable
Mongolia	Khalkha Mongol, Turkic, Russian (1999)	
Montenegro	Serbian, Montenegrin (official), Bosnian, Albanian	
Montserrat	English	Yes
Morocco	Arabic (official), Berber dialects, French often the language of business	
Mozambique	Emakhuwa, Xichangana, Portuguese (official), Elomwe, Cisena, Echuwabo, other Mozambican languages	
Namibia	English (official), Afrikaans, German	Yes
Nauru	Nauruan (official; a distinct Pacific Island language), English widely understood, spoken, and used for most government and commercial purposes	Reviewable
Nepal	Nepali, Maithali, Bhojpuri, Tharu (Dagaura/Rana), Tamang, Newar Magar, Awadhi	
Netherlands	Dutch (official), Frisian (official)	
Netherlands Antilles	Papiamentu (a Spanish-Portuguese-Dutch-English dialect), English, Dutch (official), Spanish, Creole,	Reviewable
New Caledonia	French (official), 33 Melanesian-Polynesian dialects	
New Zealand	English (official), Maori (official), Sign Language (official)	Yes

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Nicaragua	Spanish (official), Miskito	
Niger	French (official), Hausa, Djerma	
Nigeria	English (official), Hausa, Yoruba, Igbo (Ibo), Fulani	Reviewable
Niue	Niuean, a Polynesian language closely related to Tongan and Samoan; English	Reviewable
Norfolk Island	English (official), Norfolk - a mixture of 18th century English and ancient Tahitian	Yes
Northern Mariana Islands	Philippine languages, Chinese, Chamorro, English	Reviewable
Norway	Bokmal Norwegian (official), Nynorsk Norwegian (official), small Sami- and Finnish-speaking minorities; note - Sami is official in six municipalities	
Oman	Arabic (official), English, Baluchi, Urdu, Indian dialects	
Pakistan	Punjabi, Sindhi, Siraiki (a Punjabi variant), Pashtu, Urdu (official), Balochi, Hindko, Brahui, English (official; lingua franca of Pakistani elite and most government ministries), Burushaski	
Palau	Palauan 64.7% official in all islands except Sonsoral (Sonsoralese and English are official), Tobi (Tobi and English are official), and Angaur (Angaur, Japanese, and English are official), Filipino, English, Chinese 5.7%, Carolinian, Japanese	Reviewable
Panama	Spanish (official), English 14%; note - many Panamanians bilingual	Reviewable
Papua New Guinea	Melanesian Pidgin serves as the lingua franca	
Paraguay	Spanish (official), Guarani (official)	
Peru	Spanish (official), Quechua (official), Aymara, and a large number of minor Amazonian languages	
Philippines	Filipino (official; based on Tagalog) and English (official); eight major dialects - Tagalog, Cebuano, Ilocano, Hiligaynon or Ilonggo, Bicol, Waray, Pampango, and Pangasinan	Yes
Pitcairn Islands	English (official), Pitkern (mixture of an 18th century English dialect and a Tahitian dialect)	Yes
Poland	Polish	
Portugal	Portuguese (official), Mirandese (official - but locally used)	
Puerto Rico	Spanish, English	Reviewable
Qatar	Arabic (official), English commonly used as a second language	
Romania	Romanian (official), Hungarian, Romany (Gypsy)	
Russia	Russian	
Rwanda	Kinyarwanda (official) universal Bantu vernacular, French (official), English (official), Kiswahili (Swahili) used in commercial centers	Yes

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Saint Barthelemy	French (primary), English	Yes
Saint Helena	English	Yes
Saint Kitts and Nevis	English	Yes
Saint Lucia	English (official), French patois	Yes
Saint Martin	French (official language), English, Dutch, French Patois, Spanish, Papiamento (dialect of Netherlands Antilles)	Yes
Saint Pierre and Miquelon	French (official)	
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	English, French patois	Reviewable
Samoa	Samoan (Polynesian), English	Yes
San Marino	Italian	
Sao Tome and Principe	Portuguese (official)	
Saudi Arabia	Arabic	
Senegal	French (official), Wolof, Pulaar, Jola, Mandinka	
Serbia	Serbian (official), Hungarian, Bosniak, Romany (Gypsy)	
	<i>note:</i> Romanian, Hungarian, Slovak, Ukrainian, and Croatian all official in Vojvodina	
Seychelles	Creole, English (official)	Yes
Sierra Leone	English (official, regular use limited to literate minority), Mende (principal vernacular in the south), Temne (principal vernacular in the north), Krio (English-based Creole, spoken by the descendants of freed Jamaican slaves who were settled in the Freetown area, a lingua franca and a first language for 10% of the population but understood by 95%)	Reviewable
Singapore	Mandarin, English, Malay, Hokkien, Cantonese, Teochew, Tamil	Yes
Slovakia	Slovak (official), Hungarian, Roma, Ukrainian	
Slovenia	Slovenian, Serbo-Croatian	
Solomon Islands	Melanesian pidgin in much of the country is lingua franca; English (official; but spoken by only 1%-2% of the population)	Reviewable
Somalia	Somali (official), Arabic, Italian, English	
South Africa	IsiZulu, IsiXhosa, Afrikaans, Sepedi English, Setswana, Sesotho, Xitsonga	Reviewable
Spain	Castilian Spanish (official), Catalan, Galician, Basque	
Sri Lanka	Sinhala (official and national language), Tamil (national language)	
Sudan	Arabic (official), English (official), Nubian, Ta Bedawie, diverse dialects of Nilotic, Nilo-Hamitic, Sudanic languages	



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Suriname	Dutch (official), English (widely spoken), Sranang Tongo (Surinamese, sometimes called Taki-Taki, is native language of Creoles and much of the younger population and is lingua franca among others), Caribbean Hindustani (a dialect of Hindi), Javanese	Reviewable
Svalbard	Norwegian, Russian	
Swaziland	English (official, government business conducted in English), siSwati (official)	Yes
Sweden	Swedish, small Sami- and Finnish-speaking minorities	Yes
Switzerland	German (official), French (official), Italian (official), Serbo-Croatian, Albanian, Portuguese, Spanish, English, Romansch (official)	Reviewable
Syria	Arabic (official); Kurdish, Armenian, Aramaic, Circassian widely understood; French, English somewhat understood	
Taiwan	Mandarin Chinese (official), Taiwanese (Min), Hakka dialects	
Tajikistan	Tajik (official), Russian widely used in government and business	
Tanzania	Kiswahili or Swahili (official), Kiunguja (name for Swahili in Zanzibar), English (official, primary language of commerce, administration, and higher education), Arabic (widely spoken in Zanzibar)	Yes
Thailand	Thai, English (secondary language of the elite), ethnic and regional dialects	
Timor-Leste	Tetum (official), Portuguese (official), Indonesian, English	Reviewable
Togo	French (official and the language of commerce), Ewe and Mina (the two major African languages in the south), Kabye (sometimes spelled Kabiye) and Dagomba (the two major African languages in the north)	
Tokelau	Tokelauan (a Polynesian language), English	Reviewable
Tonga	Tongan, English	Reviewable
Trinidad and Tobago	English (official), Caribbean Hindustani (a dialect of Hindi), French, Spanish, Chinese	Yes
Tunisia	Arabic (official and one of the languages of commerce), French (commerce)	
Turkey	Turkish (official), Kurdish, Dimli (or Zaza), Azeri, Kabardian	
Turkmenistan	Turkmen, Russian, Uzbek	
Turks and Caicos Islands	English (official)	Yes
Tuvalu	Tuvaluan, English, Samoan, Kiribati (on the island of Nui)	Reviewable

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Uganda	English (official national language), Ganda or Luganda , other Niger-Congo languages, Nilo-Saharan languages, Swahili, Arabic	Yes
Ukraine	Ukrainian (official), Russian	
United Arab Emirates	Arabic (official), Persian, English, Hindi, Urdu	Reviewable
United Kingdom	English, Welsh (about 26% of the population of Wales), Scottish form of Gaelic (about 60,000 in Scotland)	Yes
Uruguay	Spanish, Portunol, or Brazifero (Portuguese-Spanish mix on the Brazilian frontier)	
Uzbekistan	Uzbek Russian, Tajik	
Vanuatu	local languages, pidgin (known as Bislama or Bichelama), English, French	Reviewable
Venezuela	Spanish (official), numerous indigenous dialects	
Vietnam	Vietnamese (official), English (increasingly favored as a second language), some French, Chinese, and Khmer; mountain area languages (Mon-Khmer and Malayo-Polynesian)	
Virgin Islands	English, Spanish or Spanish Creole, French or French Creole	Reviewable
Wallis and Futuna	Wallisian (indigenous Polynesian language), Futunian, French	
West Bank	Arabic, Hebrew (spoken by Israeli settlers and many Palestinians), English (widely understood)	
Western Sahara	Hassaniya Arabic, Moroccan Arabic	
World	Mandarin Chinese, Spanish, English, Arabic, Hindi, Portuguese, Bengali , Russian, Japanese, Standard German, French	
Yemen	Arabic	
Zambia	English (official), major vernaculars - Bemba, Kaonda, Lozi, Lunda, Luvale, Nyanja, Tonga, and about 70 other indigenous languages	Yes
Zimbabwe	English (official), Shona, Sindebele (the language of the Ndebele, sometimes called Ndebele)	Yes