

English Language Course Exemption Policy for the General and Academic Tracks at Princess Nourah bint Abdulrahman University

General Track: (Humanities Colleges)

- ❖ College of Humanities and Social Sciences.
- ❖ College of Education and Human Development.
- ❖ The Applied College (Diploma in Public Relations, Diploma in Human Resources Management, Diploma in Culinary Arts, Diploma in Marketing, Diploma in Accounting, Diploma in Programming, Diploma in Tourism and Travel Management, and Diploma in Hospitality Management).
- ❖ College of Design and Arts.

ENG 101	Level 1 Courses
ENG 102	Level 2 Courses

Academic Track: (Scientific Colleges)

- ❖ College of Business Administration.
- ❖ College of Computer and Information Sciences.
- ❖ College of Engineering.
- ❖ College of Law.
- ❖ The Applied College (Diploma in Electronics Technology, Diploma in Museum Management, Diploma in Digital Game Design and Development, Diploma in Risk Management and Insurance, and Diploma in Banking and Financial Markets Management).
- ❖ College of Science (except for the Medical Physics Program).
- ❖ College of Sports Sciences and Physical Activity.

ENG 101-1	Level 1 Courses
ENG 102-2	Level 2 Courses

First: English Language Course Exemption Policy (a compulsory university requirement) (excluding the College of Languages):

- Exemption from the English Language Level One courses (ENG 101) for the General Track in the Humanities Colleges, and from the course (ENG 101-1) for the Academic Track in the Scientific Colleges, is granted through one of the following options:

1. Taking a placement test designed according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) and achieving a score equivalent to the required CEFR level for the course, as shown in the table below.
2. Submitting one of the approved certificates for English language proficiency tests: (Both types of IELTS) or (TOEFL iBT), or their equivalents, according to the table below.

Test	Required Scores									
	General Track					Academic Track				
	ENG 101					ENG 101-1				
	Overall	Listening	Speaking	Reading	Writing	Overall	Listening	Speaking	Reading	Writing
IELTS Academic	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.5	2.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5
IELTS General	3.5	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	4.0	3.5	3.5	4.0	4.0
TOEFL iBT	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.0	2.0	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Placement Test	A2.1					A2.2				
Recorded Grade	A +					A +				

- Exemption from Level Two (ENG102) for the General Track, and from course (ENG 102-2) for the Academic Track, through one of the following options:

1. Submitting one of the approved certificates from recognized English language proficiency tests (IELTS) and (TOEFL iBT), or their equivalents, according to the table below.

Test	Required Scores									
	General Track					Academic Track				
	ENG 102					ENG 102-2				
	Overall	Listening	Speaking	Reading	Writing	Overall	Listening	Speaking	Reading	Writing
IELTS Academic	4	4.5	4.5	4	4	5	5	5	5	5
IELTS General	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	-	-	-	-	-
TOEFL iBT	3.5	3.5	3.5	3	3	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5
Recorded Grade	A +					A +				

2. Studying high school in a country where English is spoken as an official language, prior to joining the university.
3. Completing the last four years of American Diploma studies at a school accredited with academic recognition.

Second: Conditions for exemption from English language courses (a compulsory university requirement):

1. The English language proficiency certificate (IELTS – both types and TOEFL iBT, or their equivalents) must be official and verified.
2. The General IELTS certificate is not accepted for exemption from the Level Two course in the Academic Track.
3. The English proficiency test must have been taken within the past two years at the time of applying for exemption.
4. Certificates from remotely conducted tests are not accepted.
5. The required scores must be achieved in all components of the IELTS (both types) and TOEFL iBT tests, or their equivalents.
6. The student will not be exempted from the English course if she has withdrawn from the course or received a (DN) grade.
7. Exemption from English language courses does not apply to programs under the College of Languages.
8. The university’s applicable rules and regulations shall be enforced in cases where any forged or unauthenticated documents are submitted.
9. Students will not be eligible to apply again for exemption from English language courses if forgery is proven.

Third: Procedures for submitting a request for exemption from English language courses for all tracks:

Through the English Course Exemption Request service on the main page of the Deanship of Admission and Registration via:



To apply for exemption



To register for the IELTS test

- The student must attend the lectures until she is officially notified of the exemption and the exemption is accepted.

Exemption Application Submission Dates	
Start	Sunday,9/ 08/ 2026 — 26/ 02/ 1448 AH
End	Thursday,17/ 09/ 2026 — 6/ 4/ 1448 AH

