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## Frequently Asked Questions

### AAU English Placement Test

[What is the AAU Placement Test?](#)

The purpose of the placement test is to assess the English proficiency of AAU freshmen who do not have a valid English language proficiency score.

[When is the Placement Test administered?](#)

The placement test is administered at the beginning of every semester.

[Where can I apply for the test?](#)

You can apply personally at the ELC Office where the ELC Secretary will help you fill out the application form. Please visit the English Language Center or Call 037024933.

### [Where is the ELC Office situated?](#)

The ELC Office is situated in Building A on the first floor)

### ['What is the placement test format and how long will it take?'](#)

The Placement test has four parts –(30 minutes), Reading (60 minutes), Writing (60 minutes) and Speaking (11–14 minutes). The total test time is 2 hours and 45 minutes. The Listening, Reading and Writing tests are done in one sitting. The Speaking test may be on the same day or up to seven days before or after the other tests.'

### [What are the English Language Proficiency and English Language Level Regulations](#)

With the exception of the College of Law and the Arabic Language and Islamic Studies program, the English language is the medium of instruction at AAU. A student who has not submitted an English Language Proficiency Certificate with his/her application needs to sit for the AAU English Placement Test.

Based on the results of the test, the student will be placed in one of the English language levels. In addition to the language level courses, a student is allowed to register for General University Requirements as follows:

1. If the student obtains the required English Language Proficiency certificate while studying at any of the levels prescribed, he/she may drop the language level taking into consideration AAU regulations and the academic calendar.

2. If the student obtains a result in the placement test that exempts him/her from taking a language level, he/she is allowed to register for any of the General University courses for up to a maximum of 18 credit hours.
3. A student may not study more than 18 credit hours before obtaining the required English Language Proficiency certificate.

For the College of Law students and those enrolled in the Arabic Language and Islamic Studies program, if a student fails to obtain the required grade in the placement test, he/she is required to register for the Intensive Remedial English course. He/she can also register for up to 9 credit hours along with the Intensive Remedial English (IRE) Course.

## **The IELTS Test**

### [What is the IELTS Test?](#)

Al Ain University of Science and Technology is now an authorized IELTS Test Venue in partnership with the British Council.

IELTS is the world's most popular English language proficiency test with two million tests taken in the last year. Taking IELTS opens doors – it can help you live, study and work in 135 countries around the world. More than 9,000 organisations worldwide accept IELTS, including government, academic and employment institutions- including over 3,000 institutions in the USA. In fact, IELTS is the only English language test accepted for immigration purposes by all countries that require one. IELTS is designed to assess the language ability of candidates who want to work or study in countries where English is the language of communication.

### [What is the IELTS Test Format?](#)

IELTS has four modules – Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking.

### [What is the Total Test Time](#)

The total test time is 2 hours and 45 minutes. The Listening, Reading and Writing tests are done in one sitting. The Speaking test may be on the same day or up to seven days before or after the other tests. You will be advised of the time for your speaking interview when you apply.

#### Time Table

Listening	40 questions	Approximately 30 minutes
Reading	40 questions	60 minutes
Writing	2 tasks	60 minutes
Speaking	3 parts	11–14 minutes

### [What is the mode of Registration and Payment?](#)

For registration, please visit <https://ielts.britishcouncil.org/uae>

The IELTS candidate may apply either online or personally at AAU Registration where a member of staff has been assigned to provide help with filling out the application form online.

(Registration is situated in Building A)

The candidate has two options of payment, either online by credit card or offline at the finance unit staff at AAU registration counter. If the candidate chooses to pay offline, he/she will attend to the finance staff with the application reference number to pay the fees.

### [What are the IELTS Testing Venues at AAU?](#)

Abu Dhabi Campus

Al Ain Campus

### [What are the IELTS Test Fees?](#)

Test Fees: AED 1050 starting 01/01/2018

### [Can I preview my IELTS results online?](#)

You'll be able to preview your results online (<https://ielts.britishcouncil.org/CheckResults.aspx>), 13 days after the main test day.

## [What are the Required Identification Documents?](#)

On the day of the test, students must present their original, valid and signed passport; or UAE National ID for identification purposes only.

Please note that you will not be allowed to enter the exam hall without the original ID that you used during your registration.

## [How Do I Prepare for the Test?](#)

Road to IELTS is a popular online self-study resource for Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking test practice. Written by the British Council for its IELTS students, Road to IELTS includes:

- practice materials
- timed tests
- tutorials
- online scoring
- self-assessment tools so that you can measure your progress.

You can try British Council's Road to IELTS resources with 10 hours of free study right now with no prior registration.

When you register for an IELTS test with British Council you'll be free to enjoy a further 20 hours of access to the learning materials.

You can also visit <http://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/prepare-test/how-prepare-ielts-test> to access

to more British Council IELTS preparation materials.

### [Can have additional IELTS original copies of test report forms?](#)

Students can order for additional original copies (up to maximum of five) of test report forms to be posted to receiving institutions. If you would like us to do this, please apply through one of our British Council customer services points. They send them free of charge if applied within the 4(four) weeks from the result publishing date. However, for secure and faster delivery, additional courier charges may apply.

## **TOEFL ITP Test**

### [What is TOEFL ITP?](#)

The purpose of the TOEFL ITP is to evaluate the English proficiency of people whose native language is not English. AAU administers the test to students who are enrolled at Al Ain University and outside.

The ITP TOEFL test is given in a single session of about two and a half hours which includes the time required for test directions. The ITP test consists of three sections:

- Listening Comprehension which measures the ability to understand spoken English;
- Structure and Written Expression which measures the ability to recognize standard written English;

- Reading Comprehension which measures the ability to read and understand nontechnical material.

TOTAL TIME 115 min. (approximately)

Section 1	30-40 minutes
Section 2	25 minutes
Section 3	55 minutes

For sample questions, visit: [http://www.ets.org/toefl\\_itp/sample\\_questions/](http://www.ets.org/toefl_itp/sample_questions/)

### [What are TOEFL iTP Test Regulations?](#)

1. TOEFL registration can only be made at the Registration Office in Building A.
2. The test application form should be filled in properly with all the student's contact details. The applicant's name should be spelled exactly as it appears on the identification that you will bring on the test day. Unclear applications will be rejected by the ELC, and then the student has to obtain another test date from the Registration Office.
3. Applicants should bring their application form and paid receipt along with an AAU ID card, for AAU students, or any government-issued identification; a passport, a National ID, or a driver's license are all acceptable (it must contain a recent photo and signature).
4. Students should arrive 30 minutes ahead of time for the test. The admission to the test hall will cease 10 minutes before the actual test time. Candidates are not permitted to enter the test hall after the doors are closed. There are no scheduled breaks during the TOEFL iTP exam. Breaks are not allowed for any reason (e.g. fetching water, visits to the washroom etc.)
5. If a student is not able to attend the test for any reason, then the fees are refundable within a two-month period, or another test date can be obtained. In case the student does not attend the second assigned test, then the student is not eligible for the test and the original application will be cancelled by the ELC.
6. If an examinee is found cheating or commits any other misconduct, his/her exam will be cancelled immediately, without warning.
7. The TOEFL iTP results are published within one week after the day of test. The results are posted on the ELC announcement board at English Language Center. The results



are also provided over the phone to the candidates.

8. TOEFL/ITP score reports are valid for 2 years. Expired scores are not accepted for AAU admissions.

[What are the TOEFL/ITP Test Fees?](#)

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[Where can I register for the test?](#)

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