

International Applicants

English Language Proficiency Requirements

To ensure a successful academic experience at Aquinas Institute of Theology, we require international applicants for **master's degrees** and **graduate certificates** to demonstrate that they are proficient in the English language by submitting any of the following documents:

- A. A letter from a four-year undergraduate institution or a degree-granting graduate institution attesting that courses were conducted in English. This letter should accompany the applicant's transcript.
- B. Proof of having completed at least two years of an "English as a Second Language" program at an institution with accreditation recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.
- C. Test of English proficiency, either the TOEFL or the IELTS test.

What is the minimum score requirement on the TOEFL and IELTS?

Our minimum TOEFL score is 80.

Our minimum IELTS score is 7.0.

If your exam score does not meet this threshold, you will need to re-take it before we can consider your application.

How do I send you my TOEFL or IELTS scores?

Results must be sent directly from the testing service.

Our institution code for the TOEFL is 8191.

For IELTS, search for Aquinas Institute of Theology.

Which IELTS test do I take?

Aquinas Institute of Theology accepts only the Academic IELTS test.

For international applicants to the **Doctor of Ministry in Preaching** degree program, English proficiency will be judged by the quality of the spoken word on the recorded homily submitted as part of the application process.

Exceptions and Additional Testing

We encourage all students whose native language is not English to undertake intensive English language studies before applying for admission for graduate studies.

However, Aquinas Institute of Theology reserves the right to make exceptions on an individual basis and the right to require additional testing of any incoming international student's English language skills.

International Transcript Evaluation Policy

Given the variance and diversity of educational offerings internationally, applicants to Aquinas Institute of Theology who have completed a bachelor's degree abroad should submit non-U.S. transcripts to an evaluation service for review. The evaluation review report must indicate what the non-U.S. transcripts are equivalent to/of in the U.S.

Aquinas Institute will accept evaluations from any reputable transcript evaluation company. However, Aquinas Institute recommends that students use *Educational Perspectives (EP)* if they are beginning the transcript evaluation process because EP is knowledgeable of and able to accommodate those coming from religious seminaries or other faith-based institutions.

The evaluation is waived for applicants who have completed a master's degree from an accredited U.S. institution.

Educational Perspectives (EP)

www.edperspectives.org

Link to EP application for evaluation of educational credentials located [here](#).

Phone: 312.421.9300

SpanTran

<http://www.spantran.com>

Link to SpanTran application for evaluation of education credentials located [here](#).

Ordinarily, those utilizing either of these services should request a *General Evaluation with GPA*.

If you are hoping to transfer courses from a previous graduate school toward a degree or certificate at Aquinas Institute, then you must request a *Course by Course Report* from Educational Perspectives or a *Course Analysis (lists courses, grades, and GPA)* from SpanTran.