For more information regarding language proficiency requirements, please email: **msu.intl@murraystate.edu**

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**Graduate Students:**
Many graduate academic programs set standards for English proficiency requirements that are higher than the minimums listed above. Students must meet the specific language requirement of their respective program as listed in the current academic bulletin. Certain graduate programs do not offer conditional admission through the ESL program or the AEP program. Please email msu.intl@murraystate.edu for specific requirements.

**Changing Admission Type:**
Admitted students wishing to change admission status (ESL to AEP or University, AEP to University) must submit language scores by August 1 (Fall Semester) or December 1 (Spring Semester).

\(^1\)AEP = Academic English Program - For a complete description, visit: [www.murraystate.edu/libraries/iis/aep.sflb](http://www.murraystate.edu/libraries/iis/aep.sflb)

\(^2\)ESL = English as a Second Language Program
Purpose: This program is for students who have English proficiency but not enough to satisfy unconditional university admission requirements. Students admitted to the bridge program will focus on meeting admission requirements that they are lacking while simultaneously fulfilling academic course work required for the degree program.

Summary of Admission Requirements:
• Undergraduate students admitted under the AEP Program must show the following language proficiency requirements: IELTS - 5.5 on the Academic Test with any band score of 4.5 or 5.0 and IBT – 61-70 on the Academic Test or any band score of 13-15.
• Students will be given an in house examination during orientation. Based on the results of the examination, students will be required to take English 109 and/or English 110 in addition to university general requirement courses.
• The student will be given two semesters to successfully pass English 109 and 110. During this time, students must maintain an overall GPA of 2.0. Students meeting these requirements will have met the Bridge program requirements and their I-20 will be updated accordingly.
• Failure to pass English 109 and 110 within a two semester period and not maintaining a 2.0 GPA, will result in the student no longer being admissible to Murray State University. Students will need to meet full admission requirements in regards to language proficiency to be considered for future admittance to Murray State University.
• Graduate students admitted under AEP must show the same language proficiency requirements as undergraduate students.
• Graduate students will be enrolled in combination of English 109 and/or English 110 as well as graduate level classes.
• Graduate students are required to maintain a 3.0 GPA their first semester. Failure to maintain a 3.0 GPA the first semester will cause the student to be dismissed from the program.
• Graduate students must pass English 109 and/or English 110 within two semesters while maintaining a 3.0 GPA.

Academic Study: Since Bridge programs are meant to combine instruction in remedial areas with required academic work, students who are admitted under AEP will be required to take English 109 and/or English 110 in conjunction with required university studies courses. English 109 and English 110 will count toward the students’ degree requirements. These standards fall between the standards of a program focusing on basic proficiencies and an academic program of study leading towards a degree.

Governance: Murray State University will have governance over all aspects of the Bridge Program (AEP).

SEVP Certification: Murray State University is a SEVP certified school.

Distinct Program of Study: AEP is a distinct program and is a type of conditional admission. AEP is listed as a Bridge Program under Item 14 on the Form I-17. Items 18 and 19 on the form I-17 address admission requirements and program length.

Program Length: Students admitted under AEP will have a maximum of 2 semesters to complete the program.

Full Course of Study: Undergraduate students admitted under AEP will be enrolled in 3-6 credit hours of English 109 and/or English 110 with the other 6-9 credit hours being university studies courses for a minimum total of 12 credit hours. Graduate students admitted under AEP will be enrolled in 3-6 credit hours of English 109 and/or English 110 with the other 3-6 credit hours being graduate courses for a minimum total of 9 credit hours.