Admissions Policy

The ELI admits high school graduates, ages 17 and older, who intend to study English for Academic Purposes. The ELI offers both full-time and part-time study.

To apply, applicants must submit the ELI application, testing fee, academic transcripts, a copy of a valid passport, and a passport-sized photo. The testing fee is non-refundable or transferable. If applying for a student visa (F-1), complete the statement of financial support and attach either a bank statement or a financial guarantee letter from a sponsoring agency.

To secure admission to the program, application materials must be received by the application deadlines. Applications submitted after the deadline will be considered on a space-available basis.

The ELI offers courses at the basic, intermediate, and advanced levels, which are based on the common reference levels in the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR). Once a student has met the criteria for completing the program, he/she is eligible for general academic study at Wayne State University. All applicants will be tested prior to the start of classes to determine their appropriate levels of study in the ELI.

Applicants who plan to pursue a degree at Wayne State University after completing the ELI must have the following:

Undergraduate programs:
- Proof of high school completion or the equivalent with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.75 or its equivalent

Graduate programs:
- Minimum undergraduate GPA of 2.75 or its equivalent for master's programs and a 3.0 or its equivalent for doctoral programs

Prospective undergraduate students must submit high school transcripts and prospective graduate students must submit college/university transcripts for admission to the ELI. All official transcripts must be translated into English by an accredited transcript evaluation agency.