

Revised Admission Requirements Due to EmSAT Cancellation

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New Students

This section outlines the new admission requirements for undergraduate and graduate programs, effective Spring 2025.

New Undergraduate Students

1. English Language Proficiency Requirements

Full admission based on test results:

AURAK requires students to demonstrate proficiency in English. To be **Fully Admitted**, students must achieve either:

- TOEFL: Minimum score of 500 (173 CBT; 61 iBT); or
- IELTS Academic: Minimum score of 5.0; or
- Oxford Online Placement Test (OOPT): Minimum score of 60 (equivalent to IELTS 5.0) required for full admission.

Admission based on high school English scores:

Students scoring 80% or higher in English in the MOE curriculum or its equivalent in other curricula are considered fully admitted. AURAK uses the Oxford Online Placement Test to support the student's academic success by placing them in the proper English language course as below if required:

- **ENGL 099:** Students scoring between 47 and 59 in OOPT are placed in ENGL 099.
- **ENGL 095:** Students scoring between 31 and 46 in OOPT are placed in ENGL 095.
- Students scoring below 80% on English in the MOE curriculum or its equivalent in other curricula are considered conditionally admitted. AURAK uses the Oxford Online Placement Test to ensure students are placed in the proper English language course.
 - **ENGL 099:** Students scoring between 47 and 59 in OOPT are placed in ENGL 099.
 - **ENGL 095:** Students scoring between 31 and 46 in OOPT are placed in ENGL 095.

One-semester English Academic Bridge for students lacking the minimum required English proficiency level.

- **The AURAK English Language Program (ELP):** Students scoring below 31 on the OOPT will be enrolled in the AURAK ELP, an intensive semester-long program.

2. Specialized Subject requirements based on the program of study **(Already in use and have the MOE approval)**

For students who do not meet the 80% threshold in centralized school exams (e.g., British, IB, Emirati systems), program-specific placement tests may be used:

Proposed Tests by Program:

- a) **Business Programs:**
 - Accuplacer Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra, and Statistics Test
- b) **Core Engineering Programs:**
 - Accuplacer Advanced Algebra and Functions Test, with placement in appropriate AURAK MATH course
 - AURAK Physics Placement Test, with placement in appropriate AURAK Physics course
 - AURAK Chemistry Placement Test, with placement in appropriate AURAK Chemistry course
- c) **Artificial Intelligence and Computer Science Programs:**
 - Accuplacer Advanced Algebra and Functions, with placement in appropriate AURAK MATH course
 - AURAK Physics Placement Test, with placement in appropriate AURAK Physics course
- d) **Biotechnology Program (High School Graduates from the Scientific Stream):**
 - Accuplacer Advanced Algebra, with placement in appropriate AURAK MATH course
 - AURAK Chemistry Placement Tests, with placement in appropriate AURAK Chemistry course
- e) **Biotechnology Program (High School Graduates from the General Stream):**
 - **Students must complete three** foundational/remedial courses, BIOL 095, CHEM 095, and MATH 095 in their first semester.

Students placed in foundational/remedial courses (below 100-level) will be **Conditionally Admitted**.

Conditionally Admitted students based on English proficiency or specialized subject testing will be limited to taking 13 credits of core courses and general education courses, excluding remedial courses, per semester until they gain **Full Admission**.

AURAK Placement Test Scores

The table below outlines each program's specialized subject requirements and the placement test rubric scores. Scores shown in **RED** are the required placement test scores for placement in the first regular (100-level) course in the required Science or Math sequence.

Program	Chemistry	Physics	Math
Engineering	12 AURAK Chemistry Placement Test A score below 12 is placed in CHEM 095	12 AURAK Physics Placement Test A score below 12 is placed in PHYS 095	263 Accuplacer Advanced Algebra and Functions Placement Test A score below 263 is placed in MATH 095
Artificial Intelligence, Computer Science, Computer Engineering and Architecture		12 AURAK Physics Placement Test A score below 12 is placed in PHYS 095	250 Accuplacer Advanced Algebra and Functions Placement A score below 250 is placed in MATH 095
Biotechnology	12 AURAK Chemistry Placement Test A score below 12 is placed in CHEM 095		250 Accuplacer Advanced Algebra and Functions Placement A score below 250 is placed in MATH 095
Business			250 Accuplacer Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra, and Statistics Test A score below 250 is placed in MATH 093

New Proposal Related to Progression:

Students who fail placement tests in specialized subjects will be enrolled in foundation courses. Students achieving a grade of C (73%) or higher in these foundation courses will be exempted from retaking placement tests.

New Graduate Students

English Language Proficiency Requirements

Full admission based on test results:

To be **Fully Admitted**, students must achieve either:

- TOEFL: Minimum score of 550 (79 iBT); or
- IELTS Academic: Minimum score of 6.0; or
- Oxford Placement Test: Minimum score of 67 (equivalent to IELTS 6.0).

Admission based on undergraduate-level English scores or degree/diploma from a university or college with a CAA-approved English Language curriculum:

- C or higher in an English level 1 course or higher in their bachelor's degree

Conditionally Admitted students **based on English proficiency will be limited to taking 6 credits of coursework** for their first semester. They must submit evidence of English proficiency to be **Fully Admitted** for their second semester of study.

Continuing Students

This section outlines a proposal for graduate and undergraduate continuing students who are conditionally admitted.

Continuing Undergraduate Students

English Language Proficiency Requirements

AURAK requires students to demonstrate proficiency in English. To be Fully Admitted, students must achieve either:

- TOEFL: Minimum score of 500 (173 CBT; 61 iBT); or
 - IELTS Academic: Minimum score of 5.0; or
 - 80% or higher in English in the MOE curriculum or its equivalent in other curricula or
 - Oxford Online Placement Test: Minimum score of 60 (equivalent to IELTS 5.0).
- Students scoring below 60 on the OOPT will be placed in one of the following:**
- ENGL 099: Students achieving a B+ or higher in ENGL 099 will progress to ENGL 101 without additional testing.
 - ENGL 101: Students passing the course successfully will be considered to have demonstrated English proficiency.

Continuing Graduate Students

English Language Proficiency Requirements

To be **Fully Admitted**, students must achieve either:

- TOEFL: Minimum score of 550 (79 iBT); or
- IELTS Academic: Minimum score of 6.0; or
- C or higher in an English level 1 course or higher in their bachelor's degree or
- Oxford Online Placement Test conducted on the AURAK campus: Minimum score of 67 (equivalent to IELTS 6.0).