



TOEFL iBT SCORES VS. CEFR LEVELS¹

Table 1: TOEFL iBT Scores and CEFR² Levels Comparison Table

CEFR Levels	Reading (0-30)	Listening (0-30)	Speaking (0-30)	Writing (0-30)	TOTAL (0-120)
A1 (Beginner)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
A2 (Elementary)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
B1 (Intermediate)	4	9	16	13	42
B2 (Upper Intermediate)	18	17	20	17	72
C1 (Advanced)	24	22	25	24	95

Table 2: CEFR Levels and ESOL-GCU levels Comparison Table

CEFR Levels	ESOL-GCU Levels
A1	Level 1
A2	Level 2
B1	Level 3
	Level 4 (B1/B2)
B2	Level 5
	Level 6 (B2/C1)
C1 – C2	Specific Purposes Track Courses

An analysis of Table 1 and Table 2 shows that a regular student in our ESOL program who takes his or her studies seriously, practices regularly, and makes steady progress toward the end of the program, could in fact obtain a satisfactory TOEFL iBT score. According to American Exam Services (AES), most universities in the U.S. require a minimum TOEFL iBT score ranging from 70 to 80. A regular student who is in Level 6 or above in our program could meet such a requirement.

¹ <https://www.ets.org/toefl/institutions/scores/compare/>

² CEFR, an international standard for describing language ability, is used around the world to describe learners' language skills.