The Languages page provides Western with information concerning your proficiency with the English language.

First Language

Please select your first language - i.e., the first language you spoke as a child – from the “First Language” dropdown. If your first language is English, you can leave the remainder of this page blank.
English Language Proficiency Score

Applicants whose first language is not English must furnish evidence of their proficiency in the use of the English language by providing proof of a satisfactory achievement obtained within the last two years. A list of the English language tests and programs we accept can be found here: https://grad.uwo.ca/admissions/international.html.

Most graduate programs require applicants to submit scores from an approved English language test. However, certain graduate programs offer applicants the option to instead provide proof of a satisfactory achievement in an approved English language program. If you are interested in this option, you must confirm with the graduate program whether it is an option they offer their applicants. Contact information for all graduate programs can be found here: https://grad.uwo.ca/admissions/programs/index.cfm.

**Exemption Criteria:** To be exempt from our English language proficiency requirement, an applicant must have completed 2 or more years of full-time study in a degree program in an English-speaking post-secondary institution located in a country whose primary language is English. If you meet those criteria, you may leave this section of the application blank.

The application invites you to self-report your scores from an English language test or program that you have already completed.

In the “Test Date” field, please enter the date you took the English language test or completed the English language program that
you are reporting your scores from. From the “Test ID” dropdown, please select the English language test or program that you are reporting your scores from.

After selecting the “Test ID,” the necessary test components will be automatically generated. Enter your score from each component in the corresponding “Score” field.

Please also upload a copy of your test report to the Supplementary Documents page.
Please note: All applicants who self-report scores from an English language test other than the IELTS Academic must also submit their official score reports to the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies at Western University. We cannot complete our preliminary assessment of your application until we have received your official scores. The only exception is for applicants who are applying with scores from the IELTS Academic. We do not require official score reports from the IELTS Academic. We will use the Test Report Form you provide with your application to verify your scores online.

Language Center
Certain graduate programs offer applicants the option to declare their intent to attend an approved English language program prior to the start of the graduate program instead of providing English language test or program scores at the time of applying. The approved English language programs are listed here: https://grad.uwo.ca/admissions/international.html.

If you are interested in this option, you must first contact the graduate program you are applying to in order to confirm whether it is a possibility. Contact information for all programs can be found here: https://grad.uwo.ca/admissions/programs/index.cfm.

If the program confirms this is a viable option, please select the program you plan to attend from the Language Center dropdown.

If you will not be attending an English language program, please do not select anything from the Language Center dropdown.