

SDE English Proficiency

FAQs – updated 6/6/18

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EP requirements

1. Who are required to take up English Proficiency (EP) courses?

All students admitted to SUSS from the January 2016 intake (with the exception of the Chinese, Early Childhood, Malay and Tamil undergraduate programmes) who do not have at least:

- a Grade B4 in GCE 'O' level English Language, or
- a Grade B4 in GCE 'AO' level General Paper, or
- a Grade B4 in English Paper 121, 1120 or 1119 at SPM, or
- a Grade C in Literature in English/English Language and Linguistics/Knowledge and Inquiry in GCE 'A' level /H2 level, or
- a Grade C in H1 General Paper, or
- a Grade 4 in English for IB Diploma holders, or
- a CAP of 3.0 in English Language for NUS High School Diploma holders, or
- an IELTS score of 6.5, or
- a TOEFL score of 580 (paper-based) or 237 (computer-based) or 85 (internet-based)

will be required to complete the course SDE101 Essential English Skills and English Proficiency Assessment, by the end of their first term.

However, this does not apply to students who are currently enrolled in GSPCET/GSPMO and Master's programmes.

For more details, please refer to:

<http://www.suss.edu.sg/admissions/Pages/EnglishLanguageProficiencyCourses.aspx>

2. Am I required to just complete or do I have to pass SDE101 too?

Depending on the intake of the student, the following will apply:

- 2015/07 intake students are only required to attempt and complete SDE101 (on the condition that they have already completed SDE101 before 2016/01 semester)
- 2016/01 intake onwards are required to complete **and** pass SDE101. Students who fail are subjected to an additional of 4 online Language Enhancement Courses (LECs).

3. What happens if I did not attempt any of the SDE courses?

You would be subjected to cu restriction in your second semester, since the EP requirement has not been met.

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First attempt at SDE101

4. What will happen if I fail SDE101?

You are required to register and pass SDE102 (charges apply) in the next term. You are allowed to re-take SDE101 and SDE102 (charges apply) at the same time.

5. What will happen if I did not complete or attempt SDE101 in Term 1 of each semester?

You will be given **another** chance to complete it in Term 2. Every student has a maximum of 2 enrollments into SDE101, which is a diagnostic course.

Note:

Starting from 2018 January semester, student will be limited to 2 times (as the maximum) of attempts in SDE101. In other words, if students failed SDE101 twice, they can only exit EP program by either passing all the remaining SDE courses (SDE102 to SDE105) or by passing COR160.

For students admitted from 2018 Jan intake and onwards, they have a maximum attempt of 2 attempts. Whereas students admitted before 2018 Jan semester still enjoy the unlimited attempts in SDE101, i.e. unlimited attempts refers to 1 attempt per term. However, take note that SDE courses follow the same guidelines, i.e. if you fail SDE101, you will need to take SDE102 in the next term.

Second attempt at SDE101

6. What happens if I fail SDE101 in my second-time enrollment?

You did not meet the EP requirement and are required to take the LECs from SDE102 to SDE105 in sequential order. In the scenario that you fail SDE102, you will have to re-take the same course until you pass it. The same goes for the other LECs. You are deemed to have fulfilled the EP requirement when you have completed and passed the LECs.

7. If I pass SDE101 in my second attempt, am I still required to complete SDE102?

If your 2nd attempt in SDE101 is successful, it only guarantees your exemption from the EP programme starting from the following term and onwards. You are still required to attempt SDE102 as a consequence of failing SDE101 in your first attempt.

8. What will happen if I fail my SDE102?

You are required to retake SDE102 in the next term. You need to proceed with self-registration via an email notification and make payment for SDE102 through Student Portal > e-Service > EP registration.

9. What does it mean to have attempted SDE102?

It means that you have submitted at least one assignment and received a score on Canvas.

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COR160

10. What will happen if I pass my COR160?

You will be **exempted** from further LECs in the following semester because you would have met the EP requirement.

11. What will happen if I fail my COR160?

With effect from 2016/07 intake onwards, students who fail COR160 are required to register and pass SDE105. You will not be able to re-take COR160 until you pass SDE105.

12. Will I still be restricted to 10cu if I did not attempt SDE101/SDE102 but passed COR160?

If you passed COR160, you would have met the EP requirement. Hence, you will not be required to pass the SDE courses (if you did not attempt them in the first place), nor will you be subjected to the cu restriction.

13. If I did not meet the EP requirement at point of admission (i.e.: to do SDE101) and I failed COR160 during my exams, can I just complete and pass SDE105 in order to re-take COR160?

No, the EP programmes take precedence. This means that you are required to follow the EP progress flow by attempting SDE101 > SDE102 > SDE103 > SDE104 > SDE105.

If you pass SDE101, you may then complete and pass SDE105 in order to be able to re-take COR160 again.

14. What happens if I did not attempt the EP course(s) at least once per term and I am restricted to 10CU of courses, but at the same time, HoP has also given his/her approval to allow me to take up 25CU for the same semester?

The EP restriction of 10CU will take priority over HoP's approval to read up to 25CU.

Credit Unit (CU) Restrictions

15. Will I be restricted to 10CU of non-Ucore courses during eCR if I were to fail my SDE101?

You will still be allowed to take up the maximum credit units (CUs) allowed during eCR even if you fail SDE101. The reason being the student has made an effort to attempt the course, despite failing it.

16. When will I be subjected to CU restrictions?

You will be subjected to c/u restrictions in the following semester if:

- In your first attempt at SDE101, you obtained a fail. In your second attempt at SDE101, you obtained a fail and did not complete SDE102.
- In your first attempt at SDE101, you obtained a fail. You did not register for SDE102 in the subsequent term.
- You did not attempt any SDE courses and have not met the EP requirement.

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17. If I pass SDE101 in my second attempt, but fail SDE102* in the same term, am I subjected to CU restrictions in the following semester?

No, since you have passed SDE101, you have fulfilled the EP requirement. However, you would need to attempt SDE102* as a consequence of failing SDE101 in your first attempt.

**An attempt at SDE102 refers to obtaining a score for at least one of the assignments.*

Pass SDE101 in 2nd attempt + fail SDE102 = Student is *not* required to do LECs in the following term as he/she has already fulfilled the EP requirement (refer to Q7). Nevertheless, it is strongly encouraged that they attempt SDE102 as they have paid the fees and feedback will be given by the marker.

18. How does the 10CU restriction work?

The 10CU restriction applies to non-uCore courses of 'New' and 'Repeat' courses. It does not apply to 'Resit' or uCore courses.

How to verify/view results

19. I received a Certificate of Completion after submitting both of my written assignments for SDE102. Does this certificate certify that I have indeed passed SDE102 and I am able to move on to SDE103?

No, the Certificate of Completion is **not** an indicator that you have passed SDE102. The Certificate of Completion is triggered to students who have submitted both of their written assignments, regardless of whether they have passed or failed SDE102.

20. How am I able to view my SDE102 results?

You will be able to view your SDE102 results via Canvas after your written assignments have been graded. An email will be sent by Teaching & Learning Centre (TLC) to you two weeks after the assignment deadline to inform you that your scores have been uploaded. Feedback given by the marker is also uploaded with your score.

What happens after I pass/fail my SDE courses?

21. After failing my SDE101, am I allowed to register for other LECs (i.e.: SDE103) instead of SDE102?

No, all LECs must be taken in sequential manner (i.e.: Failure of SDE101 -> (upon passing of) SDE102 -> SDE103 -> SDE104 -> SDE105).

22. What will happen if I did not attempt SDE102/103/104/105 in the subsequent term?

If you did not fulfil the EP requirement, an email reminder will be sent to your SUSS MyMail account to register for the required LEC(s) within the stipulated deadline. Students will still be restricted to 10CU restriction if they did not complete **at least one** LEC per term.

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23. If I were to present my (i.e.) IELTS/TOEFL score at any point in time of my study period in SUSS, will I be exempted from SDE101 and further LECs?

Yes, you are allowed to submit the supporting documents to get exempted from SDE101 and other LEC courses.

For more information on the minimum requirements needed before exemption is granted, please refer to:

<http://www.suss.edu.sg/admissions/Pages/EnglishLanguageProficiencyCourses.aspx>

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