

English Language Placement Tests and Graduate School Admissions Score Requirements

Who is required to submit English language test results?

Applicants whose primary language is not English.

Are there exceptions to the requirement?

An applicant who has received a degree from an accredited institution in the U.S. or from an institution in a country where English is the primary language (e.g., the United Kingdom, Australia, and New Zealand) usually is not required to submit scores. If the applicant received his/her degree more than two years prior to application to the Graduate School and has been residing/working in a country where the primary language is not English, he/she will be required to submit English language proficiency scores. A student who is enrolled and has been enrolled at least one year at a regionally accredited U.S. institution may have the requirement waived if his/her work demonstrates a high quality of performance. The applicant must present a full academic year's transcript before a waiver would be considered.

What English language proficiency tests are acceptable?

- > TOEFL (*Test of English as a Foreign Language*, Educational Testing Service)
- > IELTS (*International English Language Testing System*, University of Cambridge Examination Syndicate)

What are the Graduate School minimum score requirements (for admission) for each test?

> TOEFL (3 possible score reports)

Internet-based (iBT) 80 overall score (four skill areas of speaking, writing, listening and reading) plus the following:
20 speaking score
20 writing score

Computer-based (CBT) 213 overall score

Paper-based (PBT) 550 overall score

> IELTS 6.5 overall score
no individual band score below 6.0

What is the University's speaking requirement for teaching assistants?

Students whose primary language is English are generally not required to take the TA speaking test. *Suggestion: Departments that anticipate students teaching early in their program may want to establish higher English language proficiency requirements for admission of non-native English speakers.*

- > TSE score minimum = 50
- > iBT speaking score minimum = 26