Admission to the Graduate School

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International Applications

English Language Proficiency

To be considered for admission, international students whose native language is not English must present evidence of satisfactory proficiency in the English language as indicated by the table below. The applicant must request that the testing center send the official results to the Graduate School at the university. The Graduate School recognizes a number of countries as being English-speaking, and applicants who are citizens of these countries will be exempted from the English proficiency requirement for an application. In addition, evidence that English is an applicant’s “native language” can be determined by the medium of academic study, which is defined as the equivalent of four years of instruction at the secondary or college level where the language of instruction is English. Applicants who have earned a bachelor’s or master’s degree from an institution of higher learning where the medium of instruction is English may be considered for a waiver of the requirement for English language proficiency testing.

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<th>English Language Test</th>
<th>Minimum Score</th>
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<td>TOEFL (paper-based)</td>
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<td>TOEFL iBT</td>
<td>79</td>
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<td>IELTS</td>
<td>6.00</td>
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<td>PTE-A (Pearson Test of English – Academic)</td>
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<td>Password (PASS) Test</td>
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<td>Cambridge B2 First (FCE), C1 Adv (CAE), or C2 Prof (PFE): score of 169+, no part below 162</td>
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<td>GCSE/IGCSE/O-level</td>
<td>B</td>
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Note: Some graduate programs may require higher scores for admission.

Applicants who submit scores between 68-78 on the TOEFL (iBT), 523-549 on the TOEFL (PBT), 5.5-5.99 on the IELTS, 47-52 on the PTE-A, or 5.5 on the PASS test, or FCE with no part below a 155 on the Cambridge test are required to enroll in IE 090 and IE 091 during the first semester of enrollment. IE 090/091 must be repeated until satisfactory results are obtained.

Applicants who submit scores below 69 on the TOEFL (iBT), 523 on the TOEFL (PBT), 5.5 on the IELTS, 47 on the PTE-A, 5.0 on the PASS test, or FCE with no part below a 155 on the Cambridge test can only be admitted to The University of Mississippi Intensive English Program.

Students who satisfactorily complete IE 090/091 must present a score on the institutional TOEFL that is equivalent to the above target score. International students with scholar status who desire to enroll in the Graduate School but who do not wish to pursue a degree may be admitted without the required English language proficiency test score. These students will be limited to enrollment as auditing students only. Should a student admitted under this provision later wish to be admitted to a degree program, all admission requirements, including acceptable English proficiency scores or the equivalent, must be met. However, no course work taken while an auditing student will be applied in any way to the degree program.

International students enrolling in a Graduate Accelerator Program to obtain conditional admission in the Non-degree III category should review the admission requirements for the Graduate Accelerator Program.