

Discussed and Approved by GPC on 9/13/21.

From: Graduate Policy Committee

To: Faculty Senate

Date: 9/30/2021

Proposal: To insert revised language in the Graduate Bulletin regarding the acceptance of three new English Language Proficiency Exams, for graduate admission, that have been approved for use for a provisional period of three years: the Cambridge English Language Assessment, the Michigan Language Assessment and Duolingo. The following language was discussed and approved by the Graduate Policy Committee.

Proposed Bulletin Edit 1: (edits in yellow)

Current Language in Graduate Bulletin (Graduate Admissions- Test Scores, Page 55 in PDF Version)

International applicants whose native language is not English must submit an English language proficiency exam, such as the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), or the Pearson Test of English (PTE Academic). These scores are considered official only when they are sent directly to the Office of Admissions from the testing agency and are not valid after two years.

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Proposed Bulletin Edit 2: (edits in yellow)

Current Language in Graduate Bulletin (Graduate Admissions- Graduate Student Admission Policies, Page 55-56 in PDF Version)

International applicants whose native language is not English are required to have a minimum score of 550 on the paper-based or 80 on the Internet-based TOEFL examination, 6.5 on the IELTS examination, 55 on the PTE Academic examination, or the successful completion of Level 8 (Advanced Level) at Florida State University's Center for Intensive English Studies. Some departments may require a higher score or may waive the test requirement if the student has received a bachelor's degree or master's degree from a U.S. institution or other institution where English is the required language of instruction. International students expecting to receive appointments as teaching assistants are required to pass the SPEAK test which evaluates the English-speaking ability of non-native speakers of English and is administered at Florida State University. Students who receive a score of 26 or higher on the speaking section of the Internet-based TOEFL examination meet the University requirement to serve in all capacities as a teaching assistant; however, some departments may still require that the student take the SPEAK test.

Revised Language for Graduate Bulletin (Graduate Admissions- Graduate Student Admission Policies, Page 55-56 in PDF Version)

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For graduate admission purposes international applicants whose native language is not English are required to submit proof of a minimum score of either 550 on the paper-based or 80 on the Internet-based TOEFL examination, 6.5 on the IELTS examination, 55 on the PTE Academic examination, or the successful completion of Level 8 (Advanced Level) at Florida State University's Center for Intensive English Studies. For a provisional period of three years, starting in the Fall 2022 semester application period, applicants may substitute a score of either 180 on the Cambridge English Language Assessment, 55 on the Michigan Language Assessment, or 120 on the Duolingo for graduate admission purposes.

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