

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS (INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ONLY)

All international degree-seeking applicants are required to submit the results of an accepted test as evidence of English proficiency (i.e., either TOEFL iBT or IELTS) unless they qualify for an exemption (see below). We do not accept Duolingo scores.

Official scores must be submitted directly from the testing agency (**Institution Code: 1836**).

All scores must be dated within two years of the beginning of the proposed admission term.

The following chart provides the minimum expected requirements for admission (i.e., Limited Admission Status) and for obtaining Full Admission Status set by the Graduate College. Although the MSPE Program adheres to the minimum scores set by the Graduate College, applicants should be aware that most international students admitted to the program have TOEFL scores above 90 iBT or IELTS scores above 7.0 total.

Accepted Tests	Limited Status Admission	Full Status Admission
TOEFL iBT TOEFL iBT Home Edition TOEFL iBT Paper Edition	79 total score	103 total score
IELTS Academic Exam	6.5 total score	7.5 total score

Limited Status Admission versus Full Admission Status

Students admitted with scores below the full status admission minimums listed in the chart above will be required to take the English as a Second Language Placement Test (EPT) prior to enrolling at Illinois. On the basis of the EPT results, applicants may be required to enroll in non-credit "English as a Second Language" courses and take a reduced academic load beginning the first semester at the University.

Exemption Criteria

Applicants who meet one of the following criteria are exempt from the English proficiency requirement for admission:

- Received a post-secondary degree from a U.S. institution or an institution in a country recognized by the Illinois Graduate College as having English as the primary language (see below) within five years of the proposed admission term. **PLEASE NOTE: A post-secondary degree from a foreign institution affiliated with a US university does not satisfy this criterion.**
- Completion of at least two years of post-secondary study in the U.S. or an institution in a country recognized by the Illinois Graduate College as having English as the primary language (see below) within five years of the proposed admission term.

Illinois Graduate Admissions recognizes the following countries as having English as the primary language: Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, Canada, Dominica, Fiji, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guyana, Ireland, Jamaica, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, New Zealand, Nigeria, Philippines, Scotland, Sierra Leone, Singapore, South Africa, St. Kitts, Trinidad & Tobago, Uganda, United Kingdom, United States, and Zimbabwe.