

**PROVISIONAL LANGUAGE ADMISSIONS**  
**FOR INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDENTS**

If you wish to be considered for Provisional Language Admission, you must **CLEARLY INDICATE** this on your **APPLICATION**.

An international graduate applicant to the University of Alabama may be considered for “provisional language admission” if he or she does not meet the minimum TOEFL score requirement of 550 (or an equivalent score on the TOEFL computer based test or the new TOEFL to be launched in fall 2005) or IELTS score requirement of 6.5. An applicant may be reviewed for consideration for possible Provisional Language Admission if he or she has a lower TOEFL or IELTS score or has not taken the TOEFL or IELTS. The applicant must meet all other admissions criteria, as stated for regular or conditional admission on pages 83 - 85 of the Graduate Catalog, meet all financial and immigration requirements, and be recommended by the individual University of Alabama graduate department to receive provisional language admission. Students who have provisional language admission are accepted to the Graduate School, but must attend full-time intensive English language instruction at the English Language Institute (ELI). The student must complete the ELI’s Intensive English Program with a minimum GPA of 3.5 in the advanced levels (Levels 4, 5, and 6) or earn a score of at least 550 on the TOEFL (or equivalent score on the TOEFL computer based test or the new TOEFL) or 6.5 on the IELTS before he or she will be allowed to enroll in graduate courses<sup>1</sup> and/or be awarded a graduate assistantship.<sup>2</sup> When a student with provisional language admissions begins enrollment in graduate courses, he or she must meet all other requirements for conditional admissions, as stated on page 84 or the Graduate Catalog.

<sup>1</sup>In special circumstances, a student may initiate the following requests to his or her department chair. The student’s request and the specific course to be taken must be approved by the student’s department, adviser, course instructor, ELI, and the Graduate School.

(a) if a student has a TOEFL score of at least 500 (or equivalent score on the TOEFL computer based test or the new TOEFL) or IELTS score of at least 6.0 or initially places in ELI level 5 or 6 after official evaluation of ELI staff, he or she can be considered for approval to take one carefully selected graduate level course per semester for a maximum of two semesters while completing ELI, or

(b) if student has enrolled in and completed ELI level 4, 5, or 6 with a 3.5 GPA, he or she can be considered for approval to take one carefully selected graduate level course per semester for a maximum of two semesters while completing ELI.)

<sup>2</sup>Provisionally admitted student may hold externally funded research assistantships only.

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