

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 score requirement for any of the following standard tests:

1. **TOEFL** score requirement of 550 pBT or 79 iBT
2. **IELTS** score requirement of 6.5
3. **PTE** score requirement of 59.

An applicant may be reviewed for consideration for possible provisional language admission if he or she has a lower TOEFL, IELTS or PTE score or has not taken the TOEFL, IELTS or PTE. The applicant must meet all other admissions criteria, as stated for regular or conditional admission in the Academic Policies section 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 at least the minimum score on any of the above mentioned tests before he or she will be allowed to enroll in graduate courses¹ and/or be awarded a graduate assistantship.²

When a student with provisional language admission begins enrollment in graduate courses, he or she must meet all other requirements for conditional admission, as stated under the Academic Policies section in the Graduate Catalog.

¹In 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 pBT or 61 iBT or IELTS score of at least 6.0 or PTE score of at least 53 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 a 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.

(c) if a student has an institutional TOEFL score of 500 and either has completed ELI Level 4, 5, or 6 with a 3.0 GPA or has placement into ELI Level 5 or 6, 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.

²Provisionally admitted student may hold externally funded research assistantships only.

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