

# Graduate Admission Policies

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## English Language Proficiency

All graduate applicants, regardless of citizenship or residency, must demonstrate proficiency with the English language before they will be considered for admission to a graduate program.

This requirement may be met by applicants who have:

- Been raised in a recognized country where English is the only official language. A list of exempt countries (<https://www.ndsu.edu/gradschool/apply/international/#:~:text=Countries%20Exempt%20from%20the%20English%20Proficiency%20Examination%20Requirement>) is found on the Graduate College website.
- Earned a bachelor's degree or higher from a recognized institution in a recognized country where English is the only official language.
- Achieved a satisfactory TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language), IELTS (International English Language Testing System), or Duolingo score. The test date must be within two years of the date of the application to the Graduate College. Minimum scores required:
  - Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL (<https://www.ets.org/toefl/>)): 71 (internet-based)
  - Duolingo (<https://englishtest.duolingo.com/>): 105 (internet-based)
  - International English Language Testing System (IELTS (<https://www.ielts.org/>)): 6.0 (academic version)

*Please note that applicants meeting the criteria above may need to contact the Graduate College to ensure their exemption from the test of English proficiency requirement.*