

Graduate Admission Information

English Language Proficiency

English language proficiency must be demonstrated prior to admission by obtaining the listed minimum score in one of the following exams:

- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL (<https://www.ets.org/toefl/>)): 71 (internet-based)
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS (<https://www.ielts.org/>)): 6.0 (academic version)
- Duolingo (<https://englishtest.duolingo.com/>): 100 (internet-based)

Some programs require higher scores for admission to their degree programs. The test date must be within two years of the date of the application to the Graduate College. Information about these tests is available on our website (http://www.ndsu.edu/gradschool/prospective_students/international_applicants/english_language_score_requirements/#c41215).

Applicants do not need to provide a foreign language examination score if they were raised in or have earned a bachelor's degree or higher from a recognized institution in one of the following countries:

- Antigua and Barbuda
- Australia
- Bahamas
- Barbados
- Bermuda
- Canada (Except Quebec)
- Dominica
- Gambia
- Ghana
- Great Britain
- Grenada
- Guyana
- Ireland
- Jamaica
- Liberia
- Mauritius
- Micronesia (Federated States of)
- New Zealand
- Nigeria
- Saint Lucia
- Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
- Scotland
- Sierra Leone
- Solomon Islands
- Trinidad and Tobago
- United States
- Wales
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

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.