

# 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 ([https://www.ndsu.edu/admission/how\\_to\\_apply/international/english\\_proficiency/](https://www.ndsu.edu/admission/how_to_apply/international/english_proficiency/))**list of exempt countries** is found on the International Student and Study Abroad Services 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 required scores are indicated below. (Select programs require higher minimum scores)
    - Test of English as a Foreign Language (**TOEFL**): 71 (internet-based)
    - **Duolingo**: 105 (internet-based)
    - International English Language Testing System (**IELTS**): 6.0 (academic version)