

# Admission to the Graduate School

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## International Applications

### English Language Proficiency Score Requirements and Exemptions

#### Language Proficiency Examination Score Requirements

To be considered for admission, international students whose native language is not English must submit an official test score to the University of Mississippi from [the list of acceptable tests](#). Note that some graduate programs may require higher scores for admission. The University of Mississippi recognizes that citizens on the [list of exempted countries](#) or applicants who have earned a higher education degree from [the list of exempted countries](#) are not required to submit an official test score.

Applicants who submit scores between 69-78 on the TOEFL (iBT), 523-549 on the TOEFL (PBT), 5.5-5.99 on the IELTS, 47-52 on the PTE-A, or 5.5 on the PASS test, or FCE with no part below a 155 on the Cambridge test are required to enroll in IE 090 and IE 091 during the first semester of enrollment. IE 090/091 must be repeated until satisfactory results are obtained.

Applicants who submit scores below 69 on the TOEFL (iBT), 523 on the TOEFL (PBT), 5.5 on the IELTS, 47 on the PTE-A, 5.0 on the PASS test, or FCE with no part below a 155 on the Cambridge test can only be admitted to The University of Mississippi Intensive English Program.

Students who satisfactorily complete IE 090/091 must present a score on the institutional TOEFL that is equivalent to the above target score.

International students with scholar status who desire to enroll in the Graduate School but who do not wish to pursue a degree may be admitted without the required English language proficiency test score. These students will be limited to enrollment as auditing students only. Should a student admitted under this provision later wish to be admitted to a degree program, all admission requirements, including acceptable English proficiency scores or the equivalent, must be met. However, no course work taken while an auditing student will be applied in any way to the degree program.

International students enrolling in a [Graduate Accelerator Program](#) to obtain conditional admission in the Non-degree III category should review the admission requirements for the [Graduate Accelerator Program](#).

International graduate students who are employer-sponsored by an employer with a signed MOU with the University of Mississippi should contact the program and Graduate School for information about English language proficiency to ensure compliance with the Graduate School Admission Standards and adapted guidelines.

