



LEHIGH UNIVERSITY

College of Arts and Sciences

Graduate Admissions Language Requirement Policy

Graduate applicants can demonstrate sufficient proficiency in English if they have successfully completed 2-3 years of continuous English-medium coursework leading to an earned degree from an accredited university in one of the following countries: United States, Republic of Ireland, United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, or Canada. If the coursework was completed more than 2 years prior to the term of admission, the applicant must still live and/or work in the country of instruction in order to be eligible.

Graduate applicants who have successfully completed coursework in educational contexts other than in the US, UK, etc. can demonstrate proficiency by submitting official scores on the Internet-based TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) or IELTS Academic (International English Language Test System). See Department requirements below.

Waivers:

A waiver may be considered for applicants who have met the above English-medium coursework requirement in countries such as India, South Africa, Nigeria, etc. where coursework was conducted entirely in English. Additional supporting documentation, such as sample publications, English-medium attestations, a department interview, in conjunction with a review by our ICAPE office, may be necessary before these waivers are granted. English-medium attestations will only be accepted if sent from an appropriate officer of the home university or institution. These documents, on institutional letterhead, should be sent via email to inasgrap@lehigh.edu.

Currently, the only approved English proficiency tests include the TOEFL and IELTS Academic. Duolingo will be accepted as an exception at this time.*

*A temporary exception has been made for applicants who are unable to go to a designated testing center due to the pandemic. For the 2023 admission cycle we will continue to accept Duolingo test scores for these applicants only.

The scores below represent minimum scores that applicants must attain in order to be admitted to the College of Arts and Sciences graduate programs without conditional English enhancement training. Please note that some individual departments may have higher minimum requirements and you should consult with the department directly in order to be certain of their requirements.

MINIMUM TOEFL & IELTS REQUIREMENTS:

BIOS, CHM, EES, EPDE, HIST, MATH, and PHY, POLS, PSYC Score Minimums:			
TOEFL Section Score Minimum:		IELTS Section Score Minimums:	
Reading	21	Reading	6.5
Listening	15	Listening	6
Speaking	24	Speaking	7.5
Writing	25	Writing	6.5
Composite Score Minimum: 85		Overall Minimum Band Score: 6.5	

ENGL Score Minimums:			
TOEFL Section Score Minimum:		IELTS Section Score Minimums:	
Reading	26	Reading	7.5
Listening	20	Listening	6.5
Speaking	24	Speaking	7.5
Writing	26	Writing	7
Composite Score Minimum: 96		Overall Minimum Band Score: 7.0	

For unconditional admission, applicants MUST:

- Obtain or exceed ALL minimum section scores
- Obtain or exceed the COMPOSITE/OVERALL minimum score.

Applicants with test scores that do not meet the above minimum requirements can still be considered for admission with conditional English enhancement training required. In such cases applicants should consult with the department or program of interest for more details.

TOEFL information may be obtained from ETS at ets.org/toefl. Lehigh's institutional code is 2365. IELTS information can be found at ielts.org. Official test scores must be submitted from the testing agencies directly in order for this requirement to be satisfied.