

Motion to Add IELTS Score to Admission Requirements

Motion:

Effective immediately, Section 1165 of the Catalog is modified as follows:

Additions ~~Deletions~~

In addition to meeting all other applicable requirements for admission, non-native speakers of English must demonstrate sufficient English language proficiency. This can be demonstrated by submitting any one of the following: an SAT verbal/critical reading score of at least 430, an ACT English subtest score of at least 17, a Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of 550 (paper test) or 213 (computer test) or 79-80 (internet-based test), a GSTEP score of 6, *an International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score of 6.5*, or by successfully completing Georgia State University's Intensive English Program. ~~However, students who are currently enrolled in but have not completed Georgia State University's Intensive English Program must demonstrate English language proficiency with the GSTEP.~~

F-1 Visa applicants who are non-native speakers of English and who meet all admission requirements except the English language proficiency requirement may be granted conditional admission. To be eligible for conditional admission, applicants must have a TOEFL score of 480 (paper test) or 157 (computer test) or 40 (internet-based test) *or an IELTS score of 4.5*. Students granted conditional admission will be required to take certain courses in the Intensive English Program (IEP) before taking other courses. A student may remain on conditional admission status for no more than three semesters. For more information about the IEP, see <http://www.gsu.edu/iep>.

Rationale:

In the past several years, the IELTS has become recognized by more and more universities as a way for students to demonstrate their English proficiency. Providing additional options for students submitting their applications overseas may help facilitate the application process. Eleven other universities in the "Urban 13" (University of Cincinnati, Cleveland State University, Indiana University-Purdue University, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, University of Missouri-St. Louis, University of New Orleans, University of Pittsburgh, Wayne State University, Portland State University, Virginia Commonwealth University, and Temple University) accept a minimum IELTS score to demonstrate English proficiency.