Policy 9G

GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY – Graduate Admission

Prior to admission to an undergraduate degree or certificate program, all applicants whose previous degree or diploma is not from an institution where English is the foundational language must provide evidence acceptable to the University of having attained sufficient mastery of the English language.

METHODS FOR DETERMINING MASTERY

1. Applicants must attain a minimum acceptable score on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing Systems or have completed a minimum proficiency level of 112 through ELS Education Services Inc.'s Language Centers.

2. For the TOEFL, minimum acceptable scores for master level applicants are as follows (see TOEFL web site for explanation of scoring procedures):

MASTER LEVEL APPLICANTS			
Type of TOEFL Exam	**PAPER**	**COMPUTER**	**INTERNET (iBT)**
Total Score	550	213	80
Reading	54	21	20
Writing	58	24	20
Listening	55	21	20
Speaking	-	-	20

3. For the TOEFL, minimum acceptable scores for doctoral level applicants are as follows:

DOCTORAL LEVEL APPLICANTS			
Type of TOEFL Exam	**PAPER**	**COMPUTER**	**INTERNET (iBT)**
Total Score	577	233	91
Reading	54	22	20
Writing	61	26	24
Listening	55	21	21
Speaking	-	-	26

4. For the IELTS, minimum acceptable score for master and doctoral level applications is 6.0 (academic version). Academic programs may set higher standards.

5. The attainment of a minimum acceptable score on the TOEFL or IELTS or minimum ELS proficiency does not take the place of any special English language proficiency requirements for specific majors or university requirements as stated in the University Catalog.

6. Implementation and verification of the minimum competencies will be done by the Office of Admissions. This office has discretionary authority to determine exceptions where appropriate.

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