Information for Students Who Speak English as a Second Language

The Graduate College only looks at the overall band score for the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) exam.

The Graduate College has a 7-band exam score requirement. However, we offer one exception to this policy. As stated in the Graduate College catalogue:

“With the support of the academic department, the Graduate College may accept the following scores for applicants with cumulative GPA of 3.75 or higher (4.0 scale). In addition to the GPA requirement, the academic department must provide evidence of academic excellence as rationale for such an exception. Any requests for exceptions must be submitted to the Graduate College with support from the academic department/unit chair and graduate coordinator. Scores lower than the following will NOT be considered for exception:

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)

• Paper-based minimum score: 547
• Computer-based minimum score: 210
• Internet-based: 77

International English Language Testing System (IELTS)

• Minimum score: 6.5

Michigan Test of English Language Placement (MTELP)

• Minimum score: 80

Any students admitted on exception will be required to visit with the UNLV English Language Center (ELC) for an assessment upon arriving on campus and take any courses prescribed by the ELC to remedy any English language deficiencies. Failure to complete prescribed courses within the time frame stipulated by the ELC will result in separation from the University.”

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