

Graduate Conditional Admission Policy Based on English Proficiency

Overview

Purpose The policy on conditional admission based on English proficiency wishes to facilitate admission of academically qualified, degree seeking international graduate students that have not satisfied the English proficiency requirement yet are being considered for admission by a graduate program.

Policy Within the context of current policies, this variant policy shifts the timing for an applicant to fulfill the English proficiency requirement ([TOEFL](#) information) to a date after arriving at Ohio State for intensive English language study and provides the student with the guarantee of admission to a graduate program when the English proficiency condition has been completed within one semester

Context This policy supplements the Graduate School's policies specifying minimum qualifications for admission of applicants to degree-seeking status at the M.A. and Ph.D. levels (see Graduate Handbook, Sect. II, at <http://www.gradsch.osu.edu/>). Individual graduate programs may in addition have more stringent conditions beyond these standards (see the specific program for details). These policies and standards are hereby reaffirmed.

In Detail

Applicability

Graduate degree applicants with an English proficiency level corresponding to a TOEFL iBT score of 61 or higher, but lower than the required 79-80 iBT (equivalent to a paper-based TOEFL score of 500 or higher, but lower than 550), may be recommended by a graduate program for admission to Ohio State with English proficiency conditional admission.

Condition

English proficiency conditional admission to a graduate program may be granted by the Graduate School for a period of one semester at most.

Graduate programs recommending English proficiency conditional admission commit to admit the student into their program no later than the end of one semester specified in the admission letter if, and only if, the student has fulfilled the standard English language requirement

Effect

A student conditionally admitted under this policy will receive the appropriate documentation for entering the US for English language study only. Upon entry into the US, this student will enroll in Ohio State's intensive English language unit, the American Language Program (ALP), with the aim of achieving the required TOEFL score of 79-80 iBT (or 550 paper-based) within one semester. If and when the student passes this language threshold, he/she will be expected to enroll as a degree student in the admitting program starting with the immediately following semester, which cannot be later than the second semester after the student's start at ALP

Procedures

- An admission letter will indicate the English proficiency conditional admission that will specify the one semester timeframe within which the student must satisfy the condition
- The applicants will need to submit an ALP application with the appropriate financial documentation
- The Admissions Office will create an ALP enrollment stack in SIS that will allow the student to enroll in ALP classes
- The Form I-20 (Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant F-1 Student) will be issued for the ESL/ALP program only.
- The student will enter the U.S. on the basis of the ESL/ALP program I-20 document.
- Upon successful completion of the ALP program with appropriate proficiency certification or TOEFL or an equivalent score on an alternative standardized test, the student will be issued a new Form I-20 by OIA for the intended graduate degree program.

Facilitation

In order to help students fulfill the English Proficiency condition, the university must assure the student of space in the ALP program. Infrastructure (instructors, capacity, and instructional space) must be adequate. Under these circumstances, conditional admission can only be recommended to the Graduate School if Ohio State's ALP program has confirmed to the graduate program recommending conditional admission ALP's ability to accommodate the student in its courses during the time frame for conditional admission requested by the graduate program.

Funding

Funding for enrolling in the intensive English language program at ALP is the student's or his/her sponsor's responsibility.

Non-satisfaction of admission condition

In the case that a student is unable to fulfill the English proficiency condition within the one semester timeframe, admission to the graduate program will be revoked. In this case, the student has the option either to leave the US or to seek a transfer to another school in the US. OIA will advise students in this situation of their options and rights. The student may however also choose to continue in ALP with the full understanding that their admission to the graduate program is revoked. Such participation is encouraged, particularly if the student has not successfully passed all courses at the highest level of instruction in the ALP. Students who have not been able to reach the required level of English skills within the two quarters (one semester) of conditional admission and who continue their language studies at Ohio State's ALP program or elsewhere, may reapply to the graduate program of their choice and qualification if and when they can provide proof of English skills as required for regular admission to graduate study at Ohio State.

Effective date

The policy on conditional admission enters into force starting in AU2010.