

Materials linked from the January 19, 2018 Graduate Council agenda.

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Proposal to accept IELA as English language entry requirement for graduate pathway and degree seeking admission: Two-year pilot program with assessment in January 2020

Documentation: [Doc A. IELA Test Summary for Universities.pdf](#)
English Language Testing Equivalents - October 17.xlsx
[Doc B IELA Test Development and Reliability - From Cambridge English.pdf](#)
[Doc C IELA Quality Assurance of IELA Examiners - From Cambridge English...pdf](#)
[Doc D. IELA Test Security.pdf](#)

Why:

Pedigree: A valid and reliable test developed by Cambridge English Language Assessment group, part of the University of Cambridge, in cooperation with INTO partnerships. Cambridge English has extensive experience in language teaching and test development, including developing and administering the known and respected IELTS, already accepted at OSU.

Secure: Identity of candidates is confirmed and tests are monitored at industry standards; Test scores can be verified by OSU using an online service.

Accessible: Available in various countries at INTO Centers and online; currently free or at low cost to applicants.

Concordance Tables Available: Tables equating IELA scores to IELTS and TOEFL iBT tests are linked to this document.

Low Risk: Students will be closely monitored by both INTO OSU and Graduate School staff to identify potential issues due to language deficiencies. After two years, academic records of students admitted using the IELA will be compared to records of students who qualified for admission using other language tests.

Benefit: Offers an additional way to increase international applications to OSU by making testing readily available and low cost.

Proposed Entry Categories and Requirements:

- Direct entry to graduate programs, 1-term graduate pathways
176 total score with minimum sub scores of 162
- 2-term graduate pathways: 176 total score
- 3-term graduate pathways: 169 total score
This is the unabbreviated pathway with the most academic and language course work at OSU.

Individual graduate programs can choose to set more stringent requirements:

- 2-term MBA graduate pathway
176 total score with 162 minimum sub scores
- 3-term MBA graduate pathway
176 total score with 154 minimum sub scores