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Graduate Council Follow-Up: IELA and PTE language tests

First formal review due January 2019, second review due January 2020

To assess the effectiveness of the IELA and PTE-A language tests as predictors of language ability for incoming OSU graduate and graduate pathway students, reviews will be conducted in January 2019 and January 2020. After the January 2020 review, the Graduate Council will decide whether to continue to allow the IELA and PTE-A to fulfill admissions language requirements at the graduate level.

The purpose of the review is to determine whether or not students admitted based on an IELA or PTE-A are as successful as students entering with TOEFL or IELTS scores.

INTO OSU and the Graduate School will provide aggregated information about the students and the following student metrics. Results for test takers using the IELA or PTE-A will be compared to results for the population who entered a graduate pathway or graduate program in the same time period using TOEFL or IELTS language scores to gain admission:

- The number/percentage of students achieving a 3.00 GPA in language classes (include number of credits earned);
- The number/percentage of students achieving a 3.00 GPA in academic classes (include number of credits earned);
- The length of time needed to complete a graduate pathway; (when available);
- The exit GPA upon progression to a masters or doctoral program (when available);
- First term masters or doctoral GPA (when available)

We also need to know if the initial minimum entrance scores OSU has chosen should be retained or changed. To identify whether OSU PTE-A and IELA equivalencies to TOEFL and IELTS are appropriate, we will:

- Record scores received for all four tests during this time period;
- Compare diagnostic language score predictability for all four tests;

In addition to monitoring the success of students, we will provide additional data to assess PTE-A and IELA trends:

- How many scores were received for each test compared to IELTS and TOEFL scores received?
- What are IELA and PTE-A test-takers countries of origin?
- What program/pathway/major/degree are IELA or PTE-A seeking at OSU?

All partner institutions in UK accept IELA for Pathway programs and direct admissions. INTO US partners are at different stages of approval. Below you'll find the list of US institutions that accept IELA or are in the process of approval this test in their schools:

	Acceptance of IELA on to UG pathway	Acceptance of IELA on to Grad pathway	University Partner	Acceptance of IELA for UG Direct University Entry	Acceptance of IELA for Grad Direct University Entry
Oregon State University	Yes	Awaiting response	Oregon State University	Yes	Awaiting response
George Mason University	Yes	Yes	George Mason University	Awaiting response	Awaiting response
University of Alabama Birmingham	Yes	Awaiting response	University of Alabama Birmingham	Awaiting response	Awaiting response
Drew University	Yes	Grad programs being developed	Drew University	Yes	Awaiting response
Marshall	Yes	Yes	Marshall	Awaiting Response	Awaiting Response
Colorado State University	Yes	Yes	Colorado State University	Awaiting Response	Awaiting Response
University of South Florida	Yes, except for 1-semester PW	Yes, except for 1-semester PW	University of South Florida	Awaiting response	Awaiting response
St. Louis University	Yes	No	St. Louis University	Awaiting response	Awaiting response
Washington State University	Yes	Yes	Washington State University	Awaiting response	Awaiting response
Suffolk University	Yes	No	Suffolk University	Yes	Awaiting response

Accepting IELA for undergraduate degree and undergraduate Pathway at OSU as a two-year pilot (through June 2019) was approved in April, 2017 by Mark Hoffman, then the Vice Provost for International Programs (VIP).