

Proposal for Accepting PTEA as English Language Test for Graduate Degree Seeking Admission

Test: Pearson Test of Academic English (PTEA)

<https://pearsonpte.com/organizations/why-pte-academic/>

Program: Graduate Degree Seeking

Proposed Entry Requirement: 53 (approximately equivalent to 80 TOEFL and 6.5 IELTS, current requirements for graduate admission)

Why:

- **Widely Accepted:** PTEA has become a widely accepted English language test for degree seeking admission in the U.S. (eg. Accepted at the graduate level by University of Arizona, Purdue University, Michigan State University, Iowa State University and other public universities).
- **Proven:** Launched in 2009, field tested using over 10,000 test takers from over 150 countries with 126 native languages and aligned to the Common European Framework for Reference (CEFR), developed by the Council of Europe, which outlines six levels of language proficiency plus three sub levels. For more information regarding the CERF, see <https://www.coe.int/en/web/common-european-framework-reference-languages/>.
- **Secure:** Taken in established PTE Academic test centers. Security measures consistent across all test centers including palm vein authentication, paperless testing and results, randomized test forms, secure administration, and data forensics.
- **Accessible:** Test centers in over 50 countries with test sessions run 363 days of the year. In countries like India, there are long wait times for TOEFL and IELTS exams and the PTEA is more accessible. A point of pride is their accessibility in areas where test options are more limited.

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