ENGLISH PROFICIENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

All international students from countries in which English is not the primary native language must take an English-language-proficiency test, except international students who have attended a college or university in the United States for at least one academic year (two semesters or three quarters). The following methods of satisfying the English proficiency requirement are allowed for admission into graduate programs at Georgia Tech:

The minimum scores for graduate admission required by Georgia Tech are:

1. International English Language Testing System (IELTS)

7.0 Overall Band score and minimum Component Band scores of:

6.5 Reading
6.5 Listening
6.5 Speaking
5.5 Writing

2. Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)

• 577 (paper based), or
• 90 (Internet based) and minimum section scores of 19

Test scores are valid for a period of two years from the date of the exam. Scores must be valid at the start of the term in which you will matriculate.

An additional way to satisfy the English proficiency requirement for graduate admissions is successful completion of the advanced level of the Georgia Tech Language Institute’s intensive English Program, an approved USG campus-based ESL program of study.

Some academic programs have specific English proficiency requirements that are more stringent than the Institute-level requirements such as higher scores. (See the program(s) of choice in the degree program listing found at www.grad.gatech.edu to determine the requirements of each program.) Since the results of this test constitute part of the material reviewed for admission to graduate study at Georgia Tech, students must arrange to have the Educational Testing Service or International English Language Testing System send their official scores to the Graduate Studies office as early as possible.