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G. International Students

Undergraduate international student applicants with a TOEFL score of at least 527 (paper-based) or 71 (internet-based) may be admitted. Corresponding scores on IELTS or other approved measures of English proficiency shall also serve as evidence of English proficiency for admission purposes. An applicant with a TOEFL score below these levels may be admitted if other factors such as previous academic record, interviews and other English tests indicate that the applicant will be academically successful. Decisions concerning admission of applicants with scores below these levels shall be made by the Admissions Committee. International students who are otherwise admissible, but who have not yet demonstrated English proficiency, not admissible to the University due to their level of competency in English may be conditionally admitted. They will be invited to enroll in the University of Kentucky’s Center for English as a Second Language (CESL) for instruction, and upon demonstrating evidence of English proficiency as defined by CESL, they will be admitted as full-time degree-seeking students before applying to the University itself. In the absence of conditional admission, admission to the programs administered by CESL does not guarantee future admission to the University.[US: 3/21/83 & BoT: 5/3/83]

Students enrolled in Level 5 or Level 6 of CESL coursework may, upon meeting criteria set forth by the CESL program, enroll for one semester as non-degree seeking students in a pre-matriculation bridge program (half-time enrollment in non-credit CESL coursework and 6-8 hours of credit-bearing undergraduate coursework), constituting full-time enrollment in English preparation for immigration purposes. Completion of the bridge program with grades of A or B in all classes will constitute demonstration of English proficiency for full admission to the University of Kentucky; however, some UK academic colleges and/or majors may require a TOEFL/IELTS score for admission to their programs.