

A TOEFL or IELTS score is required of all graduate student applicants whose native language is not English, regardless of citizenship status. The minimum language test scores accepted by the University of Denver are: 80 internet-based TOEFL, 550 paper-based TOEFL, or 6.0 IELTS. Some graduate departments require higher minimum language test scores for non-native English speakers. Please see chart below for specific departmental requirements or contact your prospective program directly.

#### POSSIBLE EXEMPTIONS

International applicants with a regionally accredited bachelor's degree from a U.S. institution and/or whose native language is English may be exempt from the TOEFL/IELTS requirement. Alternatively, if an applicant received a postsecondary degree from a formally-recognized/accredited institution and the institution's only language of instruction and examination is English, the applicant may be exempt from the TOEFL/IELTS requirement. Please submit proof of these circumstances with application materials. Contact the Admission Office for clarification.

#### CONDITIONAL ADMISSION

To ensure graduate students will be well prepared for advanced study at the University of Denver, nonnative English speaking students may be conditionally admitted to certain degree programs pending proof of English proficiency. This option is available to applicants only in certain departments who are academically admissible and who have sufficient proof of financial support. In order to begin a degree program, students must either present the minimum TOEFL/IELTS score or complete the University's [English Language Center](#)'s full-time intensive language courses, which may take between 10 weeks and 18 months, depending on placement test results and the students' individual progress. Academic courses may not be taken while students are enrolled at the English Language Center. Please see the chart below to see what departments offer conditional admission. If you are interested in pursuing conditional admission, please notify the appropriate Admission Office after submitting your application. Please note, you must still be granted admission by your prospective department.

#### GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

Any graduate applicant whose native language is not English (including US citizens and permanent residents), regardless of his or her educational background, who wishes to be considered for any Graduate Assistantship (except GRA) during any year of study in any graduate department at DU must demonstrate fluency in spoken English by scoring a minimum of 26 on the Internet Based TOEFL (iBT) exam speaking section or an IELTS speaking score of 8.0.

- For information about the TOEFL exam, please visit [www.ets.org/toefl](http://www.ets.org/toefl)
- For information about the IELTS exam, please visit [www.ielts.org](http://www.ielts.org)

MINIMUM LANGUAGE TEST REQUIREMENTS



Department	TOEFL Paper/Internet	IELTS	Additional language test requirements	English Conditional Admission
Anthropology	550/80	6.0		Yes
Art/Art History	550/80	6.0		No
Biology	550/80	6.0		Yes
Business	570/88	6.5		Yes
Chemistry	550/80	6.0		Yes
Communication Studies	570/88	7.0		No
Computer Science	550/80	6.0		Yes
DU/Illiff Joint PhD Program	600/100	7.0		Yes
Economics	550/80	6.0		Yes
Education	550/80	6.0		No
Electrical & Computer Engineering	550/80	6.0		Yes
Emergent Digital Practices	620/105	7.5		Yes
English	570/88	6.5		No
Geography	570/88	6.5		Yes
International/ Intercultural Communications	620/105	7.5	27 iBT writing; 4.5 TWE; 8.0 IELTS writing	Yes
International Studies	587/95	7.0		No
Law (JD)	587/95	7.0		No
Law (LLM)	550/80	6.0		Yes
Law (MSLA)	570/88	6.5		No
Mathematics	550/80	6.0		Yes
Mechanical & Materials Engineering	550/80	6.0		Yes
Media, Film & Journalism Studies	620/105	7.5	27 iBT writing; 4.5 TWE; 8.0 IELTS writing	No
Molecular & Cellular Biophysics (PhD)	550/80	6.0		No
Music	550/80	6.0		Yes
Physics	550/80	6.0		No
Professional Psychology	550/80	6.0		No
Psychology (PhD)	550/80	6.0	26 iBT speaking; 8.0 IELTS speaking*	No
Public Policy	570/88	6.5		No
Religious Studies	550/80	6.0		No
Social Work (MSW)	587/95	7.0		No
Social Work (Ph.D.)	587/95	8.0		No
Tax Program	550/80	6.0		No
University College	550/80	6.5		Yes

\*These additional speaking scores are required of **all** non-native English speakers, regardless of educational background.