

## REQUEST FOR ALTERNATE DEMONSTRATION OF ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

USF Office of Graduate Studies (*Send to Graduate Admissions Advisor*)

### Admission Policy on English Language Proficiency

Graduate applicants from countries where English is not the official language or who have not earned a degree in the United States can demonstrate English Language Proficiency in the following ways:

1. Submit scores on the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) earned within two (2) years of the desired term of entry. A minimum total score of 79 on the Internet-based test, 213 on the computer-based test, or 550 on the paper-based test is required.
2. Submit score on the IELTS (International English Language Testing System) earned within two (2) years of the desired term of entry. A minimum total score of 6.5 is required.
3. Submit a minimum score of 500 on the old scale or 153 on the new scale of the GRE Verbal Test
4. An earned college degree at a U.S. institution with regional accreditation

\*Applicants who have earned a college degree from an institution whose language of instruction is English (must be noted on the transcript), may be considered as a possible form of alternate demonstration of English Proficiency.

Applications submitted without one of the above criteria will be denied automatically.  
Please consult the Graduate Catalog for additional information.

### Request for Alternate Demonstration of English Proficiency

The TOEFL and IELTS tests assess listening, reading, speaking and writing skills to perform academic tasks at the graduate level. In the absence of one of the above documents that demonstrates these skills, the Graduate School will consider alternative criteria if the graduate program provides the following information (when available).

**Note:** *Students being considered as Teaching Assistants (Job Code 9183/9184) must still show spoken English proficiency on the TOEFL iBT or the TOEIC.*

Additional information or clarification may also be requested. ***Please use additional pages, as needed.***  
Include documentation if it is not available in Banner/BDMS.

**1. Name of Applicant:**

**2. U number:**

**3. Graduate Program:**

**4. Requested admission term:**

**5. Scores on, and date of expired TOEFL: Score: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Not Applicable:**

**6. Scores on, and date of expired IELTS: Score: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Not Applicable:**

**7. Number of years spent in the US/English speaking country:**

**8. Applicant's experiences that have promoted English proficiency:**

**9. Rationale for waiver:**

**10. Demonstration of ability:**

### Support for Alternate Demonstration Consideration

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Signature of Program Chair

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Printed Name of Program Chair

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Signature of College Dean

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