

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

A. Direct admission

- i) For direct admission, the applicant must have obtained a minimum score of 550 for the TOEFL Paper-based Test (Academic Version) or Band 6.0 for IELTS (Academic Training), or 79-80 for TOEFL Internet-based Test (Academic Version) or 213 for TOEFL Computer-based Test (Academic Version) or ELS 109. The validity period should not be more than five years. **TOEFL ITP is not an acceptable alternative.**
- ii) Notwithstanding the above, an applicant applying for direct admission into the Malay Language Studies, Arabic or Chinese Literature programme or any modern language programme that allows a thesis to be written in the language of instruction, must have obtained a minimum score of 450 for the TOEFL Paper-based Test (Academic Version) or its equivalent, or 5.0 for IELTS (Academic Training). **TOEFL ITP is not acceptable alternative.**

B. Provisional admission

A provisional admission is given to the following:

- a) An applicant who obtains a score of 500-549 for the TOEFL Paper-based Test (Academic Version) or its equivalent, or Band 5.5 for IELTS (Academic Training) or ELS 107 for any degree programme **except for programmes (with and without thesis) in the following fields of study where Rule A(i) above applies:-**
 - i. English Language
 - ii. English Literature
 - iii. Applied Linguistics
 - iv. World Literature
 - v. Discourse Studies
 - vi. Applied Comparative Linguistics
 - vii. Cultural and Literary Studies
 - viii. Translation and Interpretation
 - ix. Literacy Studies
 - x. Teaching of English as a Second Language
- b) An applicant who meets the academic requirement of the study programme but did not submit proof of his English language proficiency at the time of application. He **must provide** evidence of having met at least the minimum score or 500-549 for the TOEFL Paper-based Test (Academic Version) or its equivalent, or Band 5.5 for IELTS (Academic Training), or ELS 107 at the time of registration. **TOEFL ITP is not an acceptable alternative.**

Note: An applicant who obtains a score of 500-549 for the TOEFL Paper-based Test (Academic Version) or its equivalent, or Band 5.5 for IELTS (Academic Training) at the time of registration may enroll and pass the Tertiary English Programme offered by the University. The fee structure for the programme is shown below.

| Course Code | Course Title | Credit |
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| BBI4410 | Academic Reading | 2 |
| BBI4411 | Speaking and Presentation Skills | 3 |
| BBI4412 | Academic Writing | 3 |
| Total Fee | | RM1600.00 |

Alternatively, the candidate may enroll in the Certified Intensive English Programme for ELS English courses up to level 109.

C. Exemption from English Language proficiency requirement

- i) An applicant who has obtained a degree from any public university in Malaysia or from exempted countries (refer to www.sgs.upm.edu.my) shall not be subject to the English Language proficiency requirement.
- ii) An applicant for a Masters degree programme who has undergone his/her secondary school and Bachelor degree education in the English language shall be exempted from the requirement stated in rule A(i). Application for exemption must be accompanied by supporting documents that have been certified by the relevant certificate-issuing bodies.
- ii) An applicant for the PhD degree programme who has undergone his/her secondary school, and Bachelor and Masters degree education in the English language shall also be exempted from the requirement stated in Rule A(i) above. Application for exemption must be accompanied by supporting documents that have been certified by the relevant certificate-issuing bodies.

NOTE

If you face difficulties in taking either the TOEFL or IELTS test in your country, you may apply to join our Non-Graduating Programme for a period of 6 months (one semester). During that time, you should only study English and obtain the required level of proficiency.

To apply for the Non-Graduating Programme (NG), please fill up form (PU/S/BR01/GS-21), and return the form to us within two (2) weeks of receiving the Offer Letter.

It is important to note that during the Non-Graduating Programme period, you are not allowed to take any academic course except for English Language.

Fees to join the Non-Graduating Programme are shown below.

**Non-Graduating Programme Fees – (to be paid upon registration at the
School of Graduate Studies)**

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| Non-Graduating Programme Fee (excluding TOEFL/IELTS examination fee) | RM1,200.00 |
| Health Insurance (subject to change from time to time) | RM 315.60 |
| Sub total | RM1,515.60 |