

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

International Graduate Students

A graduate international student must hold at minimum a four-year bachelor's degree or its equivalent and is able to demonstrate English proficiency, both written and oral by submitting an official TOEFL or IELTS score report.

English Proficiency for Admission

Doctoral students must provide official proof of an English Proficiency minimum score as follows:

- TOEFL 79 IBT; 550 PBT
- IELTS 6.5
- Duolingo 105

International students can be admitted into a master's degree program with lower English Proficiency scores, as follows:

- TOEFL 68 to 78 IBT; 549 PBT
- IELTS 6.0
- Duolingo 95 to 104

Students with scores in this range are required to sit for the English Placement Exam prior to beginning academic coursework. (The International Student and Scholar Services Office will arrange this test upon arrival). If the results of the English Placement Exam do not meet the requirements for academic coursework, the student may be required to take additional academic English classes as part of the degree requirements (ENGL 1105M (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/search/?P=ENGL%201105M>) Intermediate ESL Composition and Grammar Review and/or ENGL 471 M (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/search/?P=ENGL%20471%20M>) Scholarly Writing for International Graduate Students).

The university reserves the right to require any prospective international student to meet the TOEFL or IELTS requirement.

Enrollment

All international graduate students on F-1 or J-1 visas are required to comply with Department of Homeland Security regulations governing maintenance of status related to full-time enrollment and making normal progress toward completing a degree. Therefore, all international graduate students are required to enroll in 9 or more credits (exclusive of audited work) during fall and spring semesters.