CONDITIONAL ADMISSION & ENGLISH PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS

CONDITIONAL ADMISSION

Undergraduate students who score between 450-497 on the paper-based TOEFL (equivalent to 133-170 on the computer-based test and 45-60 on the internet-based test) or 5.0 on IELTS may be admitted to UIS provided that they enroll in and successfully complete ESL courses, depending on the score received, as detailed below:

- Students accepted to a fall semester with a TOEFL score between 450-473 (133-150/45-52) or 5.0 on IELTS must complete the eight-week Intensive Summer Program for English Language (ISPEL) at UIS and in the fall enroll in a level-appropriate ESL course.
- Students accepted to a fall or spring semester with a TOEFL score between 477-497 (153-170/ 53-60) or IELTS score of 5.5 must complete level-appropriate academic year ESL courses as determined by the Placement Test administered upon arrival.

Requirements While Conditionally Admitted
Conditionally Admitted students are required to enroll in ESL courses during their first semester. To successfully complete an ESL course and move to the next level, a student must obtain a grade of C or better.

Conditionally admitted students must demonstrate that they are making progress toward full admission. If a conditionally admitted student fails an ESL class twice, the offer of conditional admission will be terminated and the student will be advised to concentrate fully on English language training and to apply to the degree program at a later date. While on conditionally admitted status, students would be required to maintain at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point average.

Conditionally admitted students balance ESL and General Education coursework. While enrolled in ESL classes, conditionally admitted students who have been through ISPEL or who have scored at least a 477/153/53 on TOEFL or 5.5 on IELTS would take General Education courses which have been pre-approved by academic programs.

Conditionally admitted students are limited to twelve credit hours per semester.

Gaining Full Admission
To exit from conditional admission status and gain full admission, the student must either:

1. Pass the Exit Exam with a C or better;* or
2. Meet UIS English Proficiency Admission Requirements by scoring above the minimum on a UIS approved proficiency exam. However, like other fully admitted students, this student would be required to take the ESL Placement Test and would be subject to its results.

*The Exit Exam is administered by the ESL Program and is offered to students who successfully complete academic-year ESL courses (not including ISPEL).

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Conditional Admission for Undergraduate Applicants:
TOEFL 450 (paper), 133 (computer), or 45 (internet)
IELTS 5.0 (academic)

Full Admission for Undergraduate applicants:
TOEFL 500 (paper), 173 (computer), or 61 (internet)
IELTS 6.0 (academic)

Full Admission for Graduate applicants:
TOEFL 550 (paper), 213 (computer), or 79 (internet)
IELTS 6.5 (academic)

Note: Some graduate programs have higher requirements. See uis.edu/graduateeducation/departments/index.html.