

## English Language Proficiency Appeal Process

The following process is set forth to allow departments/units to request admission consideration for undergraduate degree seeking international students who have met **all admission requirements except the English Language Proficiency**.

- Undergraduate **full admission** requires:
  - TOEFL-IBT score of 79 or higher or
  - IELTS overall band score of 6.00 or higher or
  - PTE-A score of 53 or higher
- Undergraduate **full admission with Intensive English (IE) 090/091 required** is granted if:
  - TOEFL-IBT score is 69-78 or
  - IELTS score is 5.5 or
  - PTE-A is 47-52

Students with F visas cannot be issued an I-20 for this category of admission
- **Intensive English Program (IEP) only** admission is given for scores:
  - TOEFL-IBT below 69
  - IELTS below 5.5
  - PTE-A below 47
- A department or unit may request a formal review of an **IEP only** admission status for scores of 61-68 on the TOEFL-IBT with no sub-score below 15, 4.50 or higher on IELTS, and 41 or higher on PTE-A by submitting a written request to the Admissions Coordinator in the Office of International Programs.
- Through the appeal process, an **IEP only** admit may be elevated to **full admission with IE 090/091 required**. There is no appeal process to achieve full admission without IE 090 and IE 091.
- To initiate an appeal, the following steps must be followed:
  - The department/unit requesting the appeal must submit a letter of appeal to the Admissions Coordinator in the Office of International Programs. The letter must clearly define the reason(s) for requesting the appeal and a plan of academic support demonstrating the commitment of the department to the academic success of the student. Without this plan, an appeal will not be considered.
  - Upon approval of the written letter of appeal, the student will be contacted and arrangements will be made for the student to take a proficiency test administered by the IEP. This test will be administered in compliance with the testing protocol and a grade of 40 or higher is required for a successful appeal.
- If the student successfully passes the proficiency test, the admission status of the student will be changed from **IEP only** to **full admission with IE 090/091 required**.
- An appeal on behalf of an individual student will be considered only once at the University of Mississippi. If the appeal is not granted, the student's admission will be to **IEP only**.