

English Proficiency

Students who earn a bachelor's degree outside of the United States must present proof of English proficiency to be considered for admission. DePaul's College of Science and Health accepts the TOEFL, IELTS or Pearson Test of English as proof of English proficiency. Most scores are valid for two years only. Expired test scores will not be accepted. Applicant files will not be reviewed until all documents have been received.

The primary exception to the English proficiency requirement is for students who earn a bachelor's degree in a country where the official native language is recognized as English. These countries include Australia, most of Canada, Ireland, United Kingdom, Belize and Guyana. Students from other countries need to meet the English proficiency requirement before being fully admitted to the applied mathematics or statistics programs. Full and conditional admission options are outlined below.

Score Requirement for Full Admission

The minimum scores considered for full admission to the applied mathematics or statistics program are:

- 80 on the iBT TOEFL, with a minimum score of 17 on each section
- 550 on the paper-based TOEFL
- 6.5 on the IELTS

Test Code

The DePaul institutional code for the TOEFL is 1165.

Conditional Admission

Students applying for the M.S. in applied mathematics or applied statistics who receive an English proficiency score below the minimum requirement and who meet all other requirements for admission to the program may be granted conditional admission to applied math or statistics. The admission is conditional until the student completes DePaul's English Language Academy program as outlined below.

Requirements for Conditional Admission with an English Proficiency Test Score

To be considered for provisional admission, a student must present one of the following scores:

- 55-79 on the iBT TOEFL
- 480-549 on the paper-based TOEFL
- 5.5-6.0 on the IELTS

Students who are admitted conditionally will be required to enroll full time in DePaul's English Language Academy (ELA) and maintain satisfactory progress until they have earned English proficiency as demonstrated by passing 75% of their ELA coursework completing one of the following three levels:

- a. 6 classes at or above the High-intermediate level
- b. 4 classes at or above the Advanced level

- c. 3 classes at the University Bridge level

The recommended ELA start term for students who have been conditionally admitted is winter, spring or summer depending on the English proficiency level at the time of admission.

Students admitted conditionally to the applied mathematics or statistics program may not submit a new English proficiency exam score for admission to the program. By accepting conditional admission, students agree to remain in the ELA program until they have earned English proficiency as indicated above.

Requirements for Conditional Admission without an English Proficiency Test Score

Students may apply to the applied mathematics or applied statistics program without submitting an English proficiency test score by following the process outlined below:

- Apply for admission to the applied mathematics or statistics program.
- Provide the Office of Graduate Admission with proof of funding for up to one year (four academic quarters of English-only study at DePaul University's English Language Academy (ELA). Proof of permission also is required if the English-only study is to be funded by a scholarship.
- Submit the ELA's preliminary placement essay to the Office of Graduate Admission. The English Proficiency Essay submission form can be emailed to you upon request to the Office of Graduate Admission. After completing it, you may fax it to 312.476.3244 or email a scanned copy to GradDePaul@depaul.edu. Your essay must be accompanied by the essay submission form.

Please read the warning below carefully before submitting your essay:

Warning: Students must write their essay with NO OUTSIDE HELP. Outside help that is not allowed includes dictionaries, electronic translators or other aids. NO OTHER PERSON MAY ASSIST THE STUDENT IN WRITING THE APPLICATION ESSAY. New students at the ELA are required to produce a similar essay as part of the assessment process once they arrive in Chicago. If a student's on-site essay indicates that the student had help preparing the initial application essay, the student will be deemed to have committed academic fraud and the conditional admission will be withdrawn.

Students whose essays indicate that they are likely to attain the required English proficiency in 12 months or less and meet the other requirements for admission to the applied mathematics or statistics graduate program will be admitted conditionally. They will be required to enroll in DePaul's English Language Academy (ELA) full time and maintain satisfactory progress until they have earned English proficiency as demonstrated by passing 75% of their ELA coursework completing one of the following three levels:

- a. 6 classes at or above the High-intermediate level
- b. 4 classes at or above the Advanced level
- c. 3 classes at the University Bridge level

The recommended ELA start term for students who have been conditionally admitted will depend on their English proficiency level at the time of admission.

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DePaul's English Language Academy

For additional information about DePaul's English Language Academy, please visit their [website](#).

I-20 Processing for Conditionally Admitted Students

For conditionally admitted students, the initial I-20 will be issued by DePaul's English Language Academy. Once your English proficiency requirement has been met, DePaul will issue a transfer I-20 for your academic program.

Additional Information

Please contact the Office of Graduate Admission at GradDePaul@depaul.edu if you have questions or need the English Proficiency Essay submission form.

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