

## Appendix C: English Proficiency Standards for Graduate Students

If English is not your first language, you must demonstrate English language proficiency in one of the following ways:

### 1) Minimum Test Standards

All scores must be from one exam date, not to be combined with other exam dates. Tests are valid for 24 months after the testing date and must be valid at the beginning of the student's first term of registration in the graduate program.

	<b>Minimum Score</b>
<b>IELTS</b> (International English Language Testing System)	<b>6.5</b>
<i>Reading</i>	6.0
<i>Listening</i>	6.0
<i>Speaking</i>	6.0
<i>Writing</i>	6.0
<b>TOEFL</b> (Test of English as a Foreign Language)	<b>4.5</b>
<i>Reading</i>	4
<i>Listening</i>	4
<i>Speaking</i>	4
<i>Writing</i>	4
<u>TOEFL scores reported on the former 0–120 scale (taken prior to January 21, 2026), remain acceptable if they meet the established minimum (86 overall with 19 per component) for up to 2 years</u>	
<b>Cambridge C1 Advanced</b>	Overall score of 176
<b>DET</b> (Duolingo English Test)	<b>120</b>
<i>Literacy</i>	100
<i>Conversation</i>	100
<i>Comprehension</i>	100
<i>Production</i>	100
<b>PTE Academic</b> (Pearson Test of English)	<b>63</b>
<i>Reading</i>	59
<i>Listening</i>	59
<i>Speaking</i>	59
<i>Writing</i>	59
<b>CAEL</b> (Canadian Academic English Language Assessment)	<b>70</b>
<i>Reading</i>	60
<i>Listening</i>	60
<i>Speaking</i>	60
<i>Writing</i>	60

### 2. Completion of an approved English Language Training Program

- a) University of Saskatchewan Language Centre Level 4
- b) University of Saskatchewan Graduate Bridging Program
- c) University of Regina Advanced English for Academic Purposes, plus completion of the Academic Writing Elective A

### 3. Completion of Post-secondary Studies in English

A minimum of three consecutive years of full-time study or completion of a graduate degree at a recognized post-secondary institution, where the exclusive language of instruction and examination of the program and/or institution is English.