

## **Motion re: Admission Test Scores for Non-Native Speakers of English**

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Effective immediately, the relevant paragraphs in Section 1165 of the Catalog are modified as follows:

### **Applicants who are Non-Native Speakers of English**

In addition to meeting all other applicable requirements for admission, non-native speakers of English must demonstrate sufficient English language proficiency. This can be demonstrated by submitting any one of the following: an SAT verbal/critical reading score of at least 430, an ACT English subtest score of at least 17, a TOEFL score of 550 (paper test) or 79-80 (internet-based test), a GSTEP score of 6, an International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score of 6.5, or by successfully completing Georgia State University's Intensive English Program.

F-1 Visa applicants who are non-native speakers of English and who meet all admission requirements except the English language proficiency requirement may be granted conditional admission. To be eligible for conditional admission, applicants must have a TOEFL score of 480 (paper test) or 54-55 (internet-based test) or an IELTS score of 5.5. Students granted conditional admission will be required to take certain courses in the Intensive English Program (IEP) before taking other courses. A student may remain on conditional admission status for no more than three semesters. For more information about the IEP, see <http://www2.gsu.edu/~wwwiep/>.

**Rationale:** The currently policy lists a range of TOEFL scores for regular and conditional admission (79-80 and 54-55, respectively) rather than a specific score, which was confusing to applicants. This change clarifies the TOEFL score, and also adds the appropriate IELTS score for conditional admission.