

**February 13, 2018**

**Graduate Council Follow-Up: IELA and PTE language tests**

**First formal review due January 2019, second review due January 2020**

To assess the effectiveness of the IELA and PTE-A language tests as predictors of language ability for incoming OSU graduate and graduate pathway students, reviews will be conducted in January 2019 and January 2020. After the January 2020 review, the Graduate Council will decide whether to continue to allow the IELA and PTE-A to fulfill admissions language requirements at the graduate level.

The purpose of the review is to determine whether or not students admitted based on an IELA or PTE-A are as successful as students entering with TOEFL or IELTS scores.

INTO OSU and the Graduate School will provide aggregated information about the students and the following student metrics. Results for test takers using the IELA or PTE-A will be compared to results for the population who entered a graduate pathway or graduate program in the same time period using TOEFL or IELTS language scores to gain admission:

- The number/percentage of students achieving a 3.00 GPA in language classes (include number of credits earned);
- The number/percentage of students achieving a 3.00 GPA in academic classes (include number of credits earned);
- The length of time needed to complete a graduate pathway; (when available);
- The exit GPA upon progression to a masters or doctoral program (when available);
- First term masters or doctoral GPA (when available)

We also need to know if the initial minimum entrance scores OSU has chosen should be retained or changed. To identify whether OSU PTE-A and IELA equivalencies to TOEFL and IELTS are appropriate, we will:

- Record scores received for all four tests during this time period;
- Compare diagnostic language score predictability for all four tests;

In addition to monitoring the success of students, we will provide additional data to assess PTE-A and IELA trends:

- How many scores were received for each test compared to IELTS and TOEFL scores received?
- What are IELA and PTE-A test-takers countries of origin?
- What program/pathway/major/degree are IELA or PTE-A seeking at OSU?

All partner institutions in UK accept IELEA for Pathway programs and direct admissions. INTO US partners are at different stages of approval. Below you'll find the list of US institutions that accept IELEA or are in the process of approval this test in their schools:

	Acceptance of IELEA on to UG pathway	Acceptance of IELEA on to Grad pathway	University Partner	Acceptance of IELEA for UG Direct University Entry	Acceptance of IELEA for Grad Direct University Entry
<b>Oregon State University</b>	Yes	Awaiting response	<b>Oregon State University</b>	Yes	Awaiting response
<b>George Mason University</b>	Yes	Yes	<b>George Mason University</b>	Awaiting response	Awaiting response
<b>University of Alabama Birmingham</b>	Yes	Awaiting response	<b>University of Alabama Birmingham</b>	Awaiting response	Awaiting response
<b>Drew University</b>	Yes	Grad programs being developed	<b>Drew University</b>	Yes	Awaiting response
<b>Marshall</b>	Yes	Yes	<b>Marshall</b>	Awaiting Response	Awaiting Response
<b>Colorado State University</b>	Yes	Yes	<b>Colorado State University</b>	Awaiting Response	Awaiting Response
<b>University of South Florida</b>	Yes, except for 1-semester PW	Yes, except for 1-semester PW	<b>University of South Florida</b>	Awaiting response	Awaiting response
<b>St. Louis University</b>	Yes	No	<b>St. Louis University</b>	Awaiting response	Awaiting response
<b>Washington State University</b>	Yes	Yes	<b>Washington State University</b>	Awaiting response	Awaiting response
<b>Suffolk University</b>	Yes	No	<b>Suffolk University</b>	Yes	Awaiting response

Accepting IELEA for undergraduate degree and undergraduate Pathway at OSU as a two-year pilot (through June 2019) was approved in April, 2017 by Mark Hoffman, then the Vice Provost for International Programs (VPIP).