English Language Requirements

1.3.12 English Language Competence

English is the language of instruction and communication in the University. Accordingly, an applicant whose primary language is not English or whose previous education has been conducted in another language must demonstrate command of English sufficient to pursue graduate studies in the chosen field. Applicants normally will be required to achieve a satisfactory score on a standardized English test acceptable to the University. This test must include a writing component. The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) including reading, writing, speaking, and listening components, is acceptable for this purpose. The IELTS (International English Language Testing Systems) is also acceptable. The minimum university requirements for test scores is TOEFL 88 with a minimum of 20 in each category (internet based exam), or TOEFL 570 and TWE 5 (paper based), or TOEFL 230 (computer based), and IELTS overall band score of 7.0; some graduate programs have higher requirements, as described elsewhere in this Calendar. Some graduate programs have higher requirements, as described elsewhere in this Calendar.

Further details about the above tests may be obtained from the following.

TOEFL and TWE - Education Testing Service, CN 6151, Princeton, NJ, 08541-6151 USA

Other acceptable English tests - Director, Graduate Records and Admissions, Barry Williamson (barryw@sfu.ca)