English Language Proficiency Appeal Process

The University of Mississippi

The following process is set forth to allow departments/units to request admission consideration for undergraduate degree seeking international students who have met all admission requirements except the English Language Proficiency.

- Currently undergraduate full admission is granted to a student submitting a TOEFL-IBT score of 79 or higher (or an IELTS overall band score of 6.00 or higher; or PTE-A score of 53 or higher); full admission with Intensive English (IE) 090/091 required for scores between 69 and 78 (TOEFL-IBT), 5.50 (IELTS) or 47-52 (PTE-A); and Intensive English Program (IEP) only for scores below 69 (TOEFL-IBT), 5.50 (IELTS) or 47 (PTE-A).
- A department or unit may request a formal review of an IEP only admission status for scores of 53 – 68 on the TOEFL-IBT, 4.50 or higher on IELTS, and 41 or higher on PTE-A by submitting a written request to the Office of International Programs.
- Through the appeal process, an IEP only admit may be elevated to full admission with IE 090/091 required. There is no appeal process to achieve full admission without IE 090 and IE 091.
- The department/unit requesting the appeal must submit a letter of appeal clearly defining the reason(s) for requesting the appeal and a plan of academic support demonstrating the commitment of the department to the academic success of the student. Without this plan, an appeal will not be considered.
- Upon approval of the written appeal, the student will be contacted and arrangements will be made for the student to take the SPEAK test. This test will be administered in compliance with the testing protocol and a grade of 40 or higher is required for a successful appeal.
- If the appeal is successful, the admission status of the student will be changed from IEP only to full admission with IE 090/091 required.
- An appeal on behalf of an individual student will be considered only once at the University of Mississippi. If the appeal is not granted, the student’s admission will be to IEP only.