

**College of Graduate Studies  
Proposed Catalog Changes  
Effective Summer 2020**

1. Make the following changes to the **Graduate Admission to the University** section of the catalog:

### **English Language Proficiency**

UI requires all applicants whose primary language is not English to demonstrate [English language proficiency](#). ~~in the English language.~~ Because most applicants report the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score, UI bases its minimum English language proficiency requirements on the TOEFL. UI College of Graduate Studies requires a minimum TOEFL score of 79. [Equivalent measures of proficiency and minimum score acceptable to UI include the MELAB \(77\), the Cambridge IELTS \(6.5\), and the PTE Academic \(58\).](#) ~~UI does not accept scores that are more than two years old.~~ Official scores must be sent directly from the test administering agency [at the point of admission and cannot be more than two years old at the date of application.](#)

~~Equivalent measures of proficiency acceptable to UI include the MELAB (77), the Cambridge IELTS (6.5), and the PTE Academic (58).~~ It is important to verify the departmental [TOEFL minimum language](#) score requirement as ~~many~~ [some](#) departments require a score higher than ~~indicated above~~ [the university minimum](#). Exceptions to the minimum [TOEFL language score](#) requirement are made for

1. those from official English-speaking countries,
2. those who have earned a bachelor degree or higher from another U.S. institution, or
3. [those who](#) have completed ALCP level 6.

~~Admission application files will be sent to the academic unit for review once all required documents have been received by the Graduate Admissions Office and the application fee has been paid.~~

### **Transcripts and Application for Graduate Admission**

Students wishing to enter the College of Graduate Studies must submit a University of Idaho application for admission, three letters of recommendation from professional/academic references, a statement of career objectives, a vitae/resume, and have official transcripts delivered to the Graduate Admissions Office [at the point of admission](#). ~~Transcripts become the property of the university and cannot be copied, returned, or forwarded.~~

A copy of the official transcript (and English translation for all foreign language documents) for every college and university ~~that~~ the applicant attended is acceptable for the application review process. Applicants may upload copies of official transcripts and translations via the online application. Uploaded transcripts must be legible; [illegible transcripts will not be processed](#). ~~Please scan~~ [COGS recommends scanning](#) at 600 dpi resolution. ~~minimum~~. Applicants who have already earned a

graduate degree from a regionally accredited U.S. institution and are seeking a graduate degree at Idaho will need to submit official transcripts from the graduate degree granting institution and unofficial copies of previous undergraduate work. ~~All transcripts sent to the Graduate Admissions Office~~ [All documents received](#) as part of the application process become part of the official Graduate Admissions application file and cannot be returned.

## Deferred Admission

The College of Graduate Studies will, on the recommendation of the department/program Director of Graduate Studies (DGS) allow a student to defer their admission for up to one year or for cohort programs to the start of the next admission cycle.

~~A previously admitted student seeking deferred admission must contact the Director of Graduate Studies (DGS) for the academic program in which they were admitted requesting in writing the deferment. The Director of Graduate Studies will communicate with department faculty and determine whether to grant the request for deferral. A departmental memo or e-mail must be submitted from the Director of Graduate Studies to the Director of Graduate Admissions, requesting the deferment. After the College of Graduate Studies approves the request, the student will be notified.~~

[To defer admission to a new term, students must complete a deferred admission application. To gain access to the deferral application, students will need to email the Graduate Admissions Office \(\[graduateadmissions@uidaho.edu\]\(mailto:graduateadmissions@uidaho.edu\)\) and request the active link. A non-refundable \\$30 processing fee will be required when the application to defer is submitted.](#)

~~To defer admission to the new term, the student must complete the deferred admission application, which is available through the on-line application system. A link to the application will be provided to the student once the deferral has been approved. The student will be charged a \$30 deferment processing fee.~~

*Note: Additional documents may be required to process the deferred admission application.*