

Memorandum

To: Kenneth Fox, Chair, Academic Programs Committee of University Council

CC: Haizhen Mou, Graduate Chair, Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy

From: Office of the Associate Dean, College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (CGPS)

Date: September 25, 2018

Re: Amendments to the English proficiency requirements for admission to graduate programs in Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy (JSGS)

The College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (CGPS) recently made changes to the English proficiency requirements for admission to graduate programs. The changes were implemented for students being admitted on or after May 1, 2018. In response to the revised standards for English proficiency, JSGS has proposed a minor change. The proposed change consists of a slight increase in the requirements for individual testing band scores on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). CGPS requires individual TOEFL band scores of 19, and JSGS would like to require 20. Notably, JSGS operates as a single school at both the University of Regina and the University of Saskatchewan. As such, it is important that operations are in alignment at both institutions. The proposed changes are consistent with existing requirements at the University of Regina campus.

The Graduate Programs Committee supported the proposed changes on September 6, 2018, and the CGPS Executive Committee supported the proposed changes on September 21, 2018.

Please note that consultation with the registrar was not required, as the proposal would not impact the student information system.

Attached please find:

- A copy of the memo from the Executive Committee of CGPS recommending the proposal
- A copy of the memo from the Graduate Programs Committee of CGPS recommending the proposal
- The recommendation from JSGS

If you have any questions, please contact kelly.clement@usask.ca (306-966-2229).

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Memorandum

To: Academic Programs Committee of Council (APC), Dr. Kenneth Fox, Chair

From: Executive Committee of CGPS, Dr. Trever Crowe, Chair

Date: September 21, 2018

Re: English Proficiency Admission Requirements for Graduate Programs in Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy (JSGS)

At the September 21, 2018, meeting of the Executive Committee (CGPS), the committee considered a proposal to change the English proficiency requirements for admission to graduate programs in JSGS. The Executive Committee support the increase to the English proficiency level as proposed.

Background:

The intent of this proposal is for JSGS to be consistent between both the Regina and Saskatoon campus. This English proficiency requirement is already in place in Regina.

The Executive Committee approves the changes to the English proficient requirements for graduate programs in the Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy”

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If you have any questions, please contact Lori Lisitza at lori.lisitza@usask.ca or 306-966-5759.

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Memorandum

To: Executive Committee, CGPS

Copy: Haizhen Mou, Graduate Chair, Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy

From: Graduate Programs Committee, CGPS

Date: September 14, 2018

Re: English Proficiency Admission Requirements for Graduate Programs in Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy (JSGS)

On September 6, 2018, the Graduate Programs Committee considered changes to the English proficiency requirements for admission to graduate programs in JSGS. This proposal resulted from recent changes to the CGPS English proficiency requirements to align the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and International English Language Testing System (IELTS) scores. The changes were effective for students entering programs on or after May 1, 2018. The changes are demonstrated in the chart below, with the requirements proposed for JSGS graduate programs highlighted. JSGS is proposing to reinstate the former minimum individual band score requirements on the TOEFL, while retaining the current overall test score requirement. JSGS is a single school operating at both the University of Regina and the University of Saskatchewan. This proposed change would align the English proficiency requirements at each campus.

The Graduate Programs Committee was satisfied with the proposal noting that English proficiency was significant in graduate programs in JSGS.

The following motion passed unanimously:

“To recommend approval of the changes to the English proficiency requirements for graduate programs in the Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy.” Wasan/Wu CARRIED

	TOEFL		IELTS	
	Former	Current	Former	Current
Overall Test Score	80	86	6.5	6.5
Individual Band Score	No band below 20	No band below 19	No band below 6.5	No band below 6.0
Remedial Score	One band at 18 or 19	No remedial option	One band at 6.0	No remedial option

Please see attached submission from JSGS.

If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Clement at kelly.clement@usask.ca or 306-966-2229.

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Memorandum:

Date: June 25, 2018
From: Haizhen Mou, Graduate Chair
To: Kelly Clement, Graduate Programs Committee

Re: **English language proficiency admission standards**

The Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy (JSGS) operates with a one-school, two campus model with respect to its academic programming, including student recruitment and admissions activities. On both the University of Saskatchewan and the University of Regina campuses, minimum English language proficiency requirements for graduate programming are set at the institutional level. More stringent standards can however be established for different faculties and/or programs.

Currently there is a disparity between the two campuses and we would like to align the English language proficiency admissions requirements between the two campuses, in a manner that meets the minimum requirements set at each institution. We therefore would like to recommend a minor change for the minimum admission requirement for the TOEFL exam and have the individual band score minimum be 20 instead of 19.

The current English proficiency requirements in JSGS are:

Language Proficiency Requirements: Proof of English proficiency may be required for international applicants and for applicants whose first language is not English. See the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies Academic Information and Policies in this Catalogue for more information

The change we would like reflected would indicate:

*Language Proficiency Requirements: Proof of English proficiency may be required for international applicants and for applicants whose first language is not English. **See the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies Academic Information and Policies in this Catalogue for more information A minimum overall TOEFL score of 86 is required with a minimum score of 20 in each area, or a minimum overall IELTS score of 6.5 with a minimum score of 6.0 in each area, or another approved test as outlined in the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies Academic Information and Policies.***

Please contact me if there are any questions or concerns at Haizhen.mou@usask.ca.