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Proposition: 11-26/27

Proposal Type: ☐Bill ☒Resolution ☐Memorial ☐Joint Proposition ☐Other

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Title: Support for Proposed Changes to Graduate Admissions Policies

Date Submitted: 11/3/2026

Sponsor(s): K. Finlator (A&S); O. Bello (ENGR)

Proposed Committee: n/a (consent)

Prior Approvals: University General Counsel, Graduate Faculty Council, and ADAC.

Proposal: The NMSU Graduate School Dean has proposed the additions to the NMSU Graduate Catalog copied below. These changes (i) clarify the consequences of obtaining admission through misleading; and (ii) expand and update the requirements for demonstrating English proficiency. The NMSU Faculty Senate approves these changes.

Admissions Policy (vetted by University General Counsel, approved by Graduate Faculty Council and by ADAC)

The following language is proposed to be added to the Graduate Catalog, https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/graduate-school/#admissionstext at the end of the section, "Admission for Graduate Students" after the heading, "Application materials:".

A graduate school applicant found to have submitted altered, forged, fraudulent, or misleading documents (diplomas, references, test scores, transcripts, etc.) will be denied admission. Continued admission will be rescinded by the Graduate School if altered, forged, fraudulent, or misleading documentation has been discovered.

English Proficiency for Admission

The following language is proposed to be added to the Graduate Catalog, https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/graduate-school/#internationaltext

(red font indicates proposed addition, and strikethrough indicates deletion)

Doctoral students must provide official proof of an English Proficiency minimum score as follows:

- Cambridge English Test 176
- TOEFL Internet-Based Test (iBT) 79 (For exams taken before Jan. 21, 2026) or 4 (For exams taken on or after Jan. 21, 2026)

- IELTS 6.5
- Duolingo ~~105~~ 110
- Michigan English Test 58
- Pearson Test of English-Academic (PTE-A) 57

International students can be admitted into a master's degree program with lower English Proficiency scores, as follows:

- Cambridge English Test 169-175
- TOEFL 68 to 78 Internet-Based Test (iBT) (For exams taken before Jan. 21, 2026) or 3.5 (For exams taken on or after Jan. 21, 2026)
- IELTS 6.0
- Duolingo 95 to 104
- Michigan English Test 53-57
- Pearson Test of English (PTE)-Academic 52-56

English test scores are valid for two years and must be sent directly to New Mexico State University.

Initial Admission. Official test scores received prior to the application deadline and expired prior to beginning of enrollment will fulfill the English proficiency requirement.

Deferred Admission. If deferral is approved by the Program and Graduate School, official test scores that have expired during the deferral process will fulfill the English proficiency requirement. Students may be asked to demonstrate English proficiency through placement test. Michigan English Test scores do not expire.