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Admission to Graduate Study

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Application for Admission

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The Graduate School requires degree-seeking applicants to submit the following materials:

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official test scores (GRE, MAT, or GMAT scores as appropriate; international students must also submit TOEFL, ~~or~~ IELTS, or PTE Academic scores),

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An applicant whose native language is not English must present a satisfactory score for either the *International English Language Testing System* (IELTS), ~~or~~ the *Test of English as a Foreign Language* (TOEFL), or the *Pearson Test of English Academic* (PTE Academic), as indicated below under “Examinations Required for Admission.”

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Admission Procedures for International Students

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International students must submit either IELTS, ~~or~~ TOEFL, or PTE Academic test scores. The International English Language Testing Services test can be taken at most British Consulates. For information regarding the IELTS, applicants should visit www.ielts.org/. Information about PTE Academic is available at: <https://pearsonpte.com/>. The TOEFL *Bulletin of Information* and registration form can be obtained in a number of cities outside the United States. They are often available at American embassies and consulates, or at offices of the United States Information Service (USIS). Students who cannot obtain a TOEFL bulletin and registration form locally should write well in advance to: TOEFL Services, P.O. Box 6151, Princeton, New Jersey 08541-6151, U.S.A., or contact www.toefl.org.

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Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT)

Applicants for graduate study in the College of Business must submit official scores on the GMAT to the Graduate School, with exception to applicants who intend to pursue the Executive M.B.A., One-Year M.B.A., or Chicago M.B.A. No GMAT is required for these formats. With the approval of the applicant’s prospective major department, the requirement to submit official scores on the GMAT may be waived if:

an applicant has already earned a graduate degree from an accredited institution;

an applicant to the Executive M.B.A. has ten or more years of professional managerial experience;

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an applicant to the M.S.T. program presents satisfactory scores on the LSAT or provides evidence of passing all parts of the C.P.A. examination;

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Language Test Requirements (IELTS and TOEFL)

An applicant whose native language is not English must present an IELTS score of 6.5 or alternatively, a PTE Academic score of at least 53 or a TOEFL score of at least 80 on the TOEFL iBT, 213 on the scale of 0-300, or at least 550 on the older scale of 310-677 where applicable (in certain countries). The score must be for an examination administered no more than 24 months prior to the beginning of the academic term for which admission is sought. At the discretion of the intended major department, Possession of a baccalaureate or higher degree from an accredited institution in the U.S., the U.K., Ireland, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and a number of other countries serves as evidence of sufficient English proficiency for admission purposes. (A list of those other countries is maintained at www.grad.niu.edu) at which the language of instruction was English, may serve in lieu of the TOEFL score. The TOEFL Submission of English language proficiency scores is unnecessary requirement is waived for a student already enrolled and in good academic standing in a degree program at NIU. In special circumstances, a department may seek a waiver of this requirement for a student who has demonstrated success in graduate course work but not completed a degree at an accredited institution in the U.S.

For IELTS information, contact www.ielts.org. For TOEFL information, contact www.toefl.org. For PTE Academic information, contact <https://pearsonpte.com/>.

General Regulations

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Written English Proficiency

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The university expects a reasonable level of English competency in its graduate students, regardless of their discipline. Those students who hold a baccalaureate or higher degree from an accredited institution in the U.S., or a recognized institution in a number of countries in the U.K., Ireland, Canada, Australia, or New Zealand at which the language of instruction was English and in which English is the daily medium of communication for the majority of residents are considered to have met this requirement. In special circumstances, a student's department may seek a waiver of this requirement based on the student's demonstration of appropriate written English proficiency in other ways (e.g., through employment). Other graduate students are required to take either the written portion of the TOEFL, IELTS, or PTE Academic. standardized Test of Written English (essay portion of the TOEFL), the written portion of the International English Language Testing Services (IELTS) exam, the written portion of the Person Test of English Academic (PTE Academic), the GRE Analytical Writing Assessment, the GMAT Writing Assessment, or the examination administered for this purpose by the NIU Department of English, to test their written English language competency level.

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Assistantships

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In accordance with State statute, teaching assistants engaged in oral instruction in the classroom shall be persons who possess adequate competence in spoken English (unless the language of instruction is not English). For students whose native language is not English, this competence may be demonstrated by achieving a score of at least 50 on either the Speaking Proficiency English Assessment Kit (SPEAK) administered at Northern Illinois University or on the Test of Spoken English (TSE). Alternatively, non-native speakers of English meet the competency standard if they score at least 7 on the speaking portion of the IELTS, a 68 on both the Oral Fluency and Pronunciation portions of the PTE Academic, or 24 on the speaking portion of the TOEFL iBT. Employing departments may require a higher score. Information on the TSE is available at www.toefl.org.

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Admission to Graduate Programs in Business

Admission to the various but not limited to the following:

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Submission of results on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), the International English Language Testing Services (IETS), or the Pearson Test of English Academic (PET) for applicants whose native language is not English.

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Master of Business Administration

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Admission

Admission to the M.B.A. program is competitive and limited to those who can demonstrate high promise of success. The College of Business considers several indicators of success including, but not limited to, previous academic accomplishments, demonstrated leadership, communication skills, letters of recommendation, and scores on the verbal and quantitative sections of the GMAT. **The GMAT is not required for the Executive, One-Year, and Chicago formats.** All candidates are expected to have some minimal competencies in computer, mathematics, and communications skills. The College of Business requires other material in addition to that required by the Graduate School for the admission process. Contact the Office of M.B.A. Programs at (866) 648-6221 for details.