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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION	Senate	DATE	September 11, 2020
FROM	Wade Parkhouse, Chair Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies	PAGES	1/2
RE:	English Language Requirement (SCUS 20-65)		

Action undertaken by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies at its meeting of September 10, 2020, gives rise to the following recommendation:

Motion:

That Senate approve the removal of the Test of English as a Foreign Language Computer-Based Test (TOEFL CBT) as an accepted English Language Requirement (ELR) exam from the SFU Academic Calendar.



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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION SCUS DATE August 24, 2020
FROM Kathryn Verkerk
Acting Executive Director, Student
Enrollment
RE: ELR Updates

English Language Requirement

Motion 2:

“To remove the TOEFL CBT as an accepted ELR exam from the SFU Academic Calendar.”

Background

The TOEFL CBT was discontinued in 2006 but still accepted by Undergraduate Admissions until 2008. As the exam has been discontinued for 14 years, it should no longer appear in the Calendar.

For Information

Applicants must satisfy the English Language Requirement (<https://www.sfu.ca/students/admission/admission-requirements/english-language-requirement.html>) for admission to SFU and may complete an English exam to demonstrate their proficiency. At this time, SFU accepts the following: International English Language Testing System (IELTS - Academic), TOEFL iBT, Canadian Academic English Language (CAEL), and Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic).

IELTS created an online exam named the IELTS Indicator. This exam follows the same format, results and scores as the in-person IELTS (i.e. minimum overall band score of 6.5 with no part less than 6.0). Student Recruitment and Admissions will be accepting the IELTS Indicator to satisfy SFU’s English Language Requirement beginning Spring 2021 onwards.

Thank you,

Kathryn Verkerk
Acting Executive Director,
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Calendar Language:

English Language Admission Requirement

English is the language of instruction at Simon Fraser University. All applicants, regardless of country of origin or citizenship status, will be required to demonstrate competence in the English language prior to admission. Competence is required in all four of the following skills: listening, reading, speaking and writing. Applicants to undergraduate programs must demonstrate English language competence in one of the following ways.

- Completion of the last three years of full-time secondary school education in English in Canada. A minimum grade of 70% in English Studies 12, English First Peoples 12, Literary Studies 12 or its equivalent in other provinces is required.
- Completion of the last three years of full-time secondary school education in English in a country in which the principal language of instruction is English. A minimum grade of C+ or 70% in senior level English is required.
- Completion of the last four years of full-time secondary school education in English at a recognized international school in a country in which the principal language of instruction is not English. A minimum grade of C+ or 70% in senior level English is required.
- Completion of IB Diploma Program including English A1 or A2 or English Literature and Performance (HL or SL) with a minimum grade of 3.
- Completion of a three unit English (ENGL) course or a certified W (writing intensive) course for which Simon Fraser University grants transfer credit, with a minimum grade of C-.
- Obtain a satisfactory score on one of the following English language proficiency tests.
 - International English Language Testing System (IELTS) with a minimum score of 6.5 on the Academic Modules with no part less than 6.
 - TOEFL iBT (Test of English as a Foreign Language internet based test) with an overall score of 88 or better with a minimum score of 20 in each of the four components (listening, speaking, writing, reading)
 - ~~TOEFL CBT (Test of English as a Foreign language computer based test) with a minimum score of 230 including a minimum essay score of 4.5~~
 - ~~TOEFL CBT with a minimum score of 250.~~
 - Canadian Academic English Language (CAEL) with an overall score of 70, with no part less than 60
 - Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic) with an overall score of 65, with no part less than 60