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**MEMORANDUM**

<b>ATTENTION</b>	Senate	<b>DATE</b>	October 15, 2020
<b>FROM</b>	Jeff Derksen, Chair of Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC)		
<b>RE:</b>	Graduate General Regulation (GGR) Revision: GGR 1.3.3		

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At its meeting October 6, 2020 SGSC reviewed and approved the revisions to GGR 1.3.3 (English Language Competence). This gives rise to the following motion, effective **Summer 2021**.

**Motion 1:**

That Senate approve the revisions to GGR 1.3.3 (English Language Competence)



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<b>ATTENTION</b>	Jeff Derksen, Chair of Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC)	<b>DATE</b>	September 9, 2020
<b>FROM</b>	Krista Gerlich-Fitzgerald Associate Director, Admissions & Records, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies		
<b>RE:</b>	Graduate General Regulation (GGR) Revision: GGR 1.3.3		

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**Motion:**

That SGSC approve the revisions of GGR 1.3.3 (English Language Competence), effective **Summer 2021**.

**Summary of Revisions and Rationale:**

The changes will formalize the acceptance of additional English language tests and minimum score requirements, aligning them with what is publically stated by other Canadian institutions. This will allow applicants more options if there are issues with taking TOEFL or IELTS within their country of residence. The test score minimums are in line with other graduate school requirements similar to SFU and matches those required by UBC.

### General Graduate Regulation Change 1.3.3

<p>Summary of change: Formally adding additional English language proficiency tests in line with other Canadian institutions. No changes to the test scores currently required.</p>
<p>Rationale for change: We have been informally accepting these tests for many years, however, as other Canadian institutions publicly state their allowance for these tests we would like to formalize our score requirements. This will allow applicants more options if there are issues with taking TOEFL or IELTS within their country of residence. The test score minimums are in line with other graduate school requirements similar to SFU's and matches that required by UBC.</p>
<p>Effective term and year: Summer 2021</p>
<p>Will this change impact current students? If yes, what is the plan for current students? Unofficially applicants can take these tests and we manually allow for it on a case by case basis.</p>

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<p><b>1.3.3 English Language Competence</b></p> <p>[...]</p> <p>All other international applicants will be required to achieve a minimum score of <del>7.0 on the International English Language Test System (IELTS Academic, not the general test) with a minimum of 6.5 in each section. The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) may be used as an equivalent test provided a score of 93 or better is achieved with a minimum of 20 in each section (TOEFL internet based exam), or TOEFL 580 and the Test of Written English (TWE) 5.0 (paper-based).</del> All test scores are valid for a period of two years from the date of the test. Some graduate programs have higher English language proficiency requirements as described in their admission requirements.</p> <p>[...]</p>	<p><b>1.3.3 English Language Competence</b></p> <p>[...]</p> <p>All other international applicants will be required to achieve a minimum score <b>on one of the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>International English Language Test System (IELTS Academic, not the general test) 7.0 overall with a minimum of 6.5 in each section</b></li> <li>- <b>Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) 93 or better is achieved with a minimum of 20 in each section</b></li> <li>- <b>Canadian Academic English Language Assessment (CAEL) overall 70, with a minimum of 60 in each section</b></li> <li>- <b>Pearson Test of English - Academic (PTE) 65 overall score, with a minimum of 60 in each section</b></li> <li>- <b>Cambridge English Qualifications: C1 Advanced with a minimum score of 193, or C2 Proficiency with a minimum score of 200.</b></li> </ul>

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