

March 11, 2008

**FRANCES LESLIE, ACTING DEAN
GRADUATE DIVISION****Re: Admissions Requirement: Waiver of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) Internet-based Test (iBT) or a Paper-based Test (PBT) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS)**

This memo supersedes the Graduate Council memos dated November 6, 2007 and March 7, 2008 of this same subject. Applicants whose primary language is not English are required to demonstrate proficiency in English for admission consideration. However, UCI's current policy states that this requirement may be waived for applicants who have received an advanced degree (e.g., a master's or doctoral degree) from an accredited U.S. college or university. At the November 1, 2007 meeting of the Graduate Council (GC), members reviewed the current policy and unanimously approved the following revision:

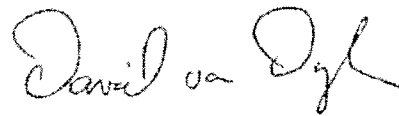
A student may receive a waiver to the requirement for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) Internet-based Test (iBT) or a paper-based test (PBT) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) for purposes of admission to a UCI graduate program if the student completed all the requirements for their high school diploma, bachelor's degree, or an advanced degree in a country where the primary and/or dominant language is English *and* English was the language of instruction of the school where the requirements were completed. The list of countries as approved by the Graduate Council where English is the primary or dominant language is available on the Graduate Division website at: http://www.rgs.uci.edu/grad/staff/emplymnt_tools.pdf under Section 2.4, English Language Proficiency Requirements.

Directly related to this issue are the following points:

- The TOEFL iBT or PBT or IELTS requirement may be waived for **admissions purposes only**. This is not related in any way to the Oral English Language proficiency requirements for students to be appointed as TAs. Departments that wish to appoint foreign students or permanent residents as TAs should communicate the appropriate Oral English language proficiency test requirements to their applicants/students.
- This revision pertains to the minimum UCI campus admission policy for English language proficiency. Individual departments may have stricter requirements than the minimum campus standard.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

On Behalf of the Graduate Council,



David van Dyk

TABLE 1: Countries* Having English as the *Primary Language*

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| Anguilla | Jamaica |
| Antigua and Barbuda | Montserrat |
| Ascension | New Zealand (see also Table 2) |
| Australia | Northern Ireland |
| Bahamas | St. Kitts and Nevis |
| Barbados | St. Helena |
| Belize | Scotland (see also Table 2) |
| Bermuda | St. Vincent and the Grenadines |
| Canada (also see Table 2) | Trinidad and Tobago |
| Dominica | United States |
| England | Wales (see also Table 2) |
| Falklands | Virgin Islands |
| Grenada | |
| Guyana | |
| Isle of Man | |

**TABLE 2: Countries * Having English as the *Dominant Language*
(with at least one other significant language)**

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|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Canada (see also Table 1) | New Zealand (see also Table 1) |
| Channel Islands | St. Lucia |
| Eire | Scotland (see also Table 1) |
| Gibraltar | South Africa |
| Liberia | Wales (see also Table 1) |

* Includes varying political entities.

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