

Hello Everyone!

As you may or may not know, the COVID-19 issues have impacted the opportunities for international students to take in-person English Language examinations in their home countries. While online options have become widely available, mainland China (due to censorship and access issues) has not been able to adapt to these new examinations as quickly. As such, ETS (the coordinators of TOEFL) has started to offer the TOEFL ITP in mainland China as of May 15th. The scores will be delivered through a web portal directly to Mason and we will input them into the systems. Since this is just a temporary solution for ETS, as they have no plans to keep the ITP beyond this crisis, admissions will be manually entering the scores into Banner and Salesforce. We have developed new codes and processes to take care of the back-end operational issues.

The MAJOR issue here is that the TOEFL iBT (the TOEFL that we are all used to seeing) is scored one way, and (for some reason) the ITP (the new exam) is on a completely different scale and scoring matrix. To make matters more complicated, ETS has offered no clear concordance between ITP and iBT, and what is provided are general equivalences to proficiency levels. Unlike the TOEFL iBT or even the IELTS, the ability to look at nuanced scores (including subsections) is limited with the ITP.

Here is the score range and recommended scores we are looking for. We are updating the ENLP website with this information and will state an overall score of 543 and no section below 53.

Section	Scale	Recommended score for B2 level
Listening	31-68	54
Writing	31-68	53
Reading	31-67	56
Overall	310-677	543

As such, we are advising the following for the website to be on par with the B2 level (which is what our TOEFL iBT, IELTS, etc bring us to):

TOEFL ITP - Mainland China Applicants Only* (Fall 2020 Only)

- Undergraduate programs: 543 overall score required, with a minimum of 53 in each subsection
- Graduate Programs: 543 overall score required, with a minimum of 53 in each subsection

*The TOEFL ITP is available only for students who are taking the examination in mainland China. The TOEFL ITP does not permanently replace the TOEFL iBT, but provides a temporary TOEFL testing option for students in China.

We will continue to monitor the students who sent us the ITP scores to ensure that they are on the same level as students who have taken the other examinations. Please let me know if you have any questions about the exam that I may be able to answer.

Sincerely,

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