

Purdue Test Score Cut-Offs for Graduate Admission to Purdue and for Certification of Oral English Proficiency

The chart below shows the cut-off scores (minimum acceptable scores) for Graduate Admission to Purdue, and the scores accepted for certification of oral English proficiency of TAs who teach undergraduate students, as of September, 2019.

It is important to note that the Graduate Admission TOEFL iBT cut-off score for speaking, 18, is significantly lower than the cut-off score required for certification of oral English proficiency for TAs, currently 27 on the TOEFL iBT.

Cut-Off Scores for Graduate Admission to Purdue and for Oral English Proficiency Certification of Prospective TAs			
TEST	SCORE RANGE	GRADUATE ADMISSION To Purdue CUT-OFF SCORES (PERCENTILE)	CERTIFICATION OF ORAL ENGLISH PROFICIENCY OF TAs CUT-OFF SCORES
TOEFL iBT			
Writing	0-30	18	
Speaking	0-30	18	27 *
Listening	0-30	14	
Reading	0-30	19	
TOTAL	0-120	80	
IELTS			
Writing	1-9	5.5	
Speaking	1-9	6.0	8 *
Listening	1-9	6.0	
Reading	1-9	6.5	
TOTAL¹	1-9	Overall 6.5	
TOEFL Essentials	1-12	8	All students with TOEFL Essentials will be tested
Purdue's Oral English Proficiency Test	35-55	Not Required	50

*TOEFL and IELTS scores are considered valid indicators for 2 years.