

English (ESL) Requirements for International Graduate Students at UNL

ESL Testing and Class Placement Explained

1. *English Test Requirement for UNL Acceptance* Graduate College requires 500 TOEFL. Departmental TOEFL requirements vary from 500 to 600.
2. *On-Campus English Placement Exam (EPE) for Newly Arrived International Students, and ESL Course Assignments, Based on EPE Scores*

After meeting UNL's English requirement on the basis of the TOEFL score, **UNL requires international graduate students to take the English Placement Examination (EPE) upon arrival at UNL.**

Note: Students who do not test out of ESL courses by making an EPE score of 84 or higher are required to take the assigned ESL course. If students for any reason do not show up for the assigned course, or if they drop their assigned course, they will be blocked from registering for the next semester.

One category of students is no longer required to offer a TOEFL score or to take any English language testing. As of Fall 2000, any new international graduate student who holds a degree from a 4-year U.S. college or university (or a graduate degree), or from any institution in which English is the medium of instruction of the entire institution, is exempted from any English language requirements (including TOEFL and EPE).

Descriptions of UNL's Graduate ESL Courses

English 886: A 3 credit hour course which provides instruction and practice in listening comprehension and speaking skills and an introduction to paragraph and short essay writing.

English 887: This is a 3 credit hour course. It provides instruction in English communication skills with an emphasis on writing complete essays, including research papers.

English 888: A 3 credit hour course which provides instruction in speaking and pronunciation skills. Enrollment only with ESL departmental permission. Your department may require you to take this course.