



December 05, 2020

Aaron M. Cramer, Ph.D.
Chair, University Senate Council
Kentucky Utilities Associate Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering
University of Kentucky

Dear Professor Cramer:

Earlier this year the University Senate approved a proposal to allow applicants from China and Iran to submit Duolingo scores to meet the English language requirement for admission to graduate school. This was needed because at the time neither country had access to the standard TOEFL and IELTS tests. Given the ongoing uncertain global conditions, the Graduate School is requesting approval to expand the exception to accept Duolingo to all international applicants for the 2021-2022 academic year. Only Duolingo English Test scores with sub scores will be accepted, that is tests taken after July 15, 2019. The minimum score will be 115, and students recommended for admission may also be interviewed by a CESL evaluator. Students may be recommended to take ESL courses if there are language deficiencies. Student welfare and academic success are our priorities as we propose this temporary exception.

Thank you for considering this request.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian A. Jackson'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Brian A. Jackson, Ph.D.
Interim Dean