ENGLISH CONDITIONAL ADMISSION (ECA)

Some graduate programs may offer English Conditional Admission (ECA) to academically qualified non-native English speakers who do not meet the University’s minimum English language proficiency requirements. To apply for a program in an academic department that offers ECA, applicants must indicate on their application to the degree program that they wish to be considered for ECA.

ECA students cannot enroll in any regular degree courses prior to meeting the University’s English requirement. In order to be granted regular status in their graduate degree program and become eligible to take academic classes, ECA students must meet one of the following requirements:

- Successfully complete intensive English courses through level five at the University’s English Language Center (http://www.du.edu/intl/elc) (ELC). English language training at centers outside of the University of Denver will not be counted toward meeting English language proficiency requirements.
- Present a departmental qualifying minimum TOEFL, IELTS or C1 Advanced score before the start of their program.

If admitted with ECA, the student’s English language proficiency will be tested by the ELC. The student will be placed in the appropriate class level based on this test. Testing for ELC class levels will take place after a student arrives at the University of Denver’s campus and before the beginning of ELC classes.

Students who are admitted under the ECA option are not eligible for Graduate Teaching Assistantships until they have met the minimum ECA requirements, have been changed to regular status students, and have met minimum GTA eligibility requirements.

International students seeking F-1 immigration status must be issued an English study-only I-20 until they complete their full course of study at the English Language Center. A degree-seeking I-20 will be issued after the student is has regular admission to their degree program.

Financial aid awards for the degree program cannot be applied to the costs for English language training.

**Note:** Some units may not accept students under English Conditional Admission. Those units would not accept ELC completion to meet English language proficiency requirements. Graduate departments may require ELC graduates to submit a TOEFL/IELTS/C1 Advanced score for admission consideration.