ENGLISH CONDITIONAL ADMISSION (ECA)

In cases where minimum TOEFL/IELTS/CAE scores were not achieved or no English proficiency test was taken, graduate units, at their discretion, may offer English Conditional Admission (ECA) to academically qualified non-native English speakers. Such applicants must take training through the University of Denver’s English Language Center to meet the English language requirement. English language training at centers outside of the University of Denver will not be counted toward meeting English language proficiency requirements.

International applicants with a three-year baccalaureate degree cannot be granted English Conditional Admission.

Students who are admitted under the ECA option are not eligible for Graduate Teaching Assistantships until they have met the requirements of the ECA program, met the minimum requirement for GTAs on the speaking section of the TOEFL, IELTS or CAE exam, and have been changed to regular status students.

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 programs and become eligible to take academic classes, ECA students must meet one of the following requirements:

- Present a departmental qualifying minimum TOEFL, IELTS or CAE score or
- Successfully complete intensive English courses through level five at the University’s English Language Center (http://www.du.edu/intl/elc) (ELC).

Applicants must determine if the department they wish to apply to allows English Conditional Admission. If it does, applicants need to apply for admission to the degree program and indicate that they wish to be considered for ECA.

Students seeking ECA under F-1 or J-1 immigration status must prove their ability to pay for their first year of major/degree studies prior to matriculation even though they will attend the English Language Center (ELC) initially. It is expected that these financial resources will remain available for the duration of the degree program.

Financial aid awards for the degree program cannot be applied to the costs for English language training and additional proof of funding may be requested before the appropriate immigration document can be issued.

If admitted conditionally, the student’s English language proficiency will be tested by the ELC and the student will be placed in the appropriate class level (one through five). Testing for ELC class levels will take place after a student arrives on the University of Denver’s campus and prior to the beginning of ELC classes.

Notes: Some units may not accept students under English Conditional Admission and therefore, would not accept ELC completion to meet English language proficiency requirements. Graduate departments may require ELC graduates to submit a TOEFL/IELTS/CAE score for admission consideration.

In general, ELC students may not take graduate classes concurrently with their enrollment in ELC. The exception to this is students who are fully admitted to the graduate program and are encouraged to take ELC classes.