**Fall 2018 proposed change**

Change admission requirements for Fall 2018 to make English proficiency required either:

* for all non native speakers of English; or
* for all applicants

Move English language proficiency section from “International students” to “Admission Requirements”

Mirrors UW: <https://grad.uw.edu/policies-procedures/graduate-school-memoranda/memo-8-graduate-school-english-language-proficiency-requirements/>

Now: if an applicant is a resident or a citizen, they don’t have to address English proficiency at all.

Change: would mean that residents and citizens whose native language is not English must demonstrate English proficiency

* Winners: faculty, cohort (quality)
* Losers: some people won’t be admitted that would have been admitted in the past; cohort (diversity)

*Moved from International Students section*

**Consider with and without this clause and see impact**

**Changed**

**Admission Requirements**

**Bachelor's degree** from an accredited institution of higher education. You may be admitted provisionally pending completion.

***English language proficiency****: Every applicant* **whose native language is not English** *must demonstrate English language proficiency through* ***one*** *of the following three ways:*

1. *A bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree from an accredited U.S. institution of higher education* ***or*** *from an institution in Australia, the Bahamas, Canada, Ireland, Jamaica, New Zealand, Singapore, Trinidad and Tobago, or the United Kingdom.*
2. *Official documentation from an institution (other than those listed in #1 above) verifying that the applicant's bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree is from an institution where all instruction is in English.*
3. *One of the following minimum English language proficiency test scores demonstrated through submission of official scores at the time of application: TOEFL paper test: 600; TOEFL computerized test: 250; TOEFL online test: 100; or IELTS: 7.5.*

**Minimum GPA** of 3.0 on 4.0 scale for last 90 graded quarter hours or 60 graded semester hours of post-secondary school coursework from accredited institutions. We will calculate your GPA after you apply. If your GPA falls below 3.0 but you are otherwise well qualified, we encourage you to apply: the Admissions Committee is permitted to make a few exceptions to this requirement every year. *Evergreen grads*: this requirement doesn't apply to you. Instead, we read through your evaluations to determine whether you're ready for graduate-level study.

**Statistics: successful completion of an** [**MPA-approved introductory statistics course**](http://www.evergreen.edu/mpa/statistics.htm) **before beginning the MPA program in the Fall.** The good news is that you may apply and be admitted conditionally *before* you’ve taken statistics, but you must complete the coursework before beginning your MPA studies. You have a three (3) year window prior to the Fall of admission to complete an MPA approved statistics course. For example: for students interested in Fall 2017 admission, the three year window for statistics completion is Fall 2014 through Summer 2017, and proof of completion must be received by the MPA program by September 15, 2017.  See more details about [our statistics requirement](http://cms.evergreen.edu:8080/mpa/statistics).

**Evidence of your ability to do high quality graduate-level work** in a public administration program, including:

* Analytical and critical thinking skills
* Writing skills
* Oral communication and interpersonal skills
* Other qualities that contribute to graduate school success, such as: persistence despite difficulties or challenges, leadership ability, emotional intelligence, etc.

The Admissions Committee considers all your application materials to look for evidence of these skills.

**You do not need to take the GRE.**

Applicants with less than one year of full-time work with significant responsibility in public or non-profit administration or in a public policy area will be required to complete a 1 credit internship while in the MPA program.

**International students** have additional requirements. See the "International Students" section for details.

**International Students**

International applicants have **two** additional admission criteria:

* Students with non-English transcripts must have them translated into English and certified by a [translation agency](http://www.evergreen.edu/admissions/docs/certifiedtranslationservices.pdf). Evergreen requires a certified translation plus the original transcripts from an international student. The service you select should send the translated, official transcripts directly to Evergreen.
* If admitted, international students must provide evidence of having the ability to pay all expenses for one academic year's enrollment at Evergreen, including: tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, health insurance, personal expenditures, and transportation (excluding travel to and from U.S.). The Graduate Office of Admissions will work with admitted students on this paperwork.