

Proposal

Acceptance of Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB) as an additional way to meet the English language mastery requirement for International Student Admission Purposes:

A minimum MELAB score of 69 for undergraduate international students AND
A minimum MELAB score of 77 for graduate international students

Rationale

- The Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB) is a standardized test which evaluates proficiency in understanding, writing, and speaking the English Language. The MELAB was created at the University of Michigan in June 1941.
- The MELAB evaluates English language competence of adult nonnative speakers of English. It is primarily used by students applying to United States, Canadian, British, and other educational institutions where the language of instruction is English and by professionals for work or training purposes.
- The MELAB is a secure test battery and is administered only by the ELI-UM (English Language Institute – University of Michigan) and ELI-UM authorized official examiners in the United States and Canada.
- Currently, 92 U.S. institutions accept MELAB scores for admission purposes. Institutions in Canada, Norway, Sweden, and United Kingdom also accept MELAB scores as a means to determine English language proficiency.
- The MELAB tests written composition, listening comprehension, grammar, reading, and vocabulary. (Speaking test is optional and is available at certain test sites in the USA and Canada.)

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