Graduate Council Report
5 October 2006

Graduate Council approved a proposed change to the University rule requiring the use of standardized tests for admission to graduate studies. The requirement for a score from a standardized examination will be at the discretion of a college, department or degree program. Requests for exception by a degree program to the standardized test requirement can be made to the Office of Graduate Studies for consideration. This change will allow departments, programs and colleges to request exceptions to the standardized test requirement.

At the present time, OGS cannot and does not waive Texas A&M University rules. An official standardized test score, i.e.; Graduate Record Examinations General Test (GRE) or other, is required.

The write up in the catalog will be changed from what is current to the proposed new description (see below.)

FROM: GRE, MAT or GMAT scores (evaluated in a manner which complies with Chapter 51, Subchapter W of the Texas Education Code, Admissions and Scholarship Policies for Graduate and Professional Programs, House Bill 1641) is required.

TO: An official score on a standardized test is required unless otherwise specified by the graduate program to which a student is applying. A program can request exceptions to the Office of Graduate Studies. The scores are evaluated in a manner which complies with Chapter 51, Subchapter W of the Texas Education Code, Admissions and Scholarship policies for Graduate and Professional Programs, House Bill 1641.
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A Comparison of Graduate Admission Requirements

- IELTS
- TOEFL
- GRE

University:
- Berkeley
- Michigan
- UNC
- UCLA
- UCSD
- UW
- UT
- Texas A&M
- UIUC

Department / Program
- University Required

* except for Studio Art, Dentistry (except Oral Biology), and Dramatic Art