



Exam Guidelines for International Candidates Applying to English-Medium Programs

ILIA STATE UNIVERSITY



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Placement Test in English

To be eligible for enrollment in all English programs at Ilia State University, the minimum language requirement is CEFR B2 (upper-intermediate).

Please carefully review the examination requirements outlined below, as they will be strictly adhered to by the admissions office.

Examination components you will be assessed on:

1. Speaking
2. Listening
3. Reading
4. Writing

Speaking Stage (arranged separately):

- Duration: 15 minutes
- Minimum requirement: 5.5 out of 9 to pass the Speaking stage. If the score falls below 5.5, you will not proceed to the next stage, and your application will be cancelled.
- Speaking stage breakdown:
 - 3 minutes for an introduction of yourself
 - 3 minutes for a speech prepared based on the topic provided during the interview (preparation time: 5 minutes)

Listening / Reading / Writing Stages (all three stages are arranged at the same day):

Listening

- Duration: 40 minutes
- Listening test takes 30 minutes to finish and you will get an additional 10 minutes to review your answers. You will need to answer 40 questions in response to four recording sections. The minimum requirement for taking admission is 5.5 out of 9

Reading

- Duration: 60 minutes
- There are 3 readings passages. Each question equals to 1 point. The results are reported using a nine-band scale. Minimum requirement for taking admission is 5.5

Writing

- Duration: 60 minutes
- There are 2 writing tasks.
 - Writing Task 1 requires to describe information presented in a graph, table, chart or diagram etc. and to present the description in their own words. Candidates are required to write at least 150 words in task 1. The results are reported using a nine-band scale. Minimum requirement for taking admission is 5.5
 - Writing Task 2 requires the candidates to formulate and develop a position in relation to a given prompt in the form of a question or statement. Candidates are required to write at least 250 words in task 2. The results are reported using a nine-band scale. Minimum requirement for taking admission is 5.5

Entrance Exam in Mathematics or Physics

To be eligible to get enrolled in the programs offered by the School of Technology (computer engineering, civil engineering, electrical engineering, computer science) at Ilia State University, international candidate should pass the entrance exam in Mathematics or Physics

Entrance exam in Mathematics

Duration: 2 hours

There are 20 questions. Minimum requirement to pass the exam is 11 points.

Topics covered in the exam:

- Fractions, Exponentials (Adding, subtracting, multiplying)
- Geometry
- Algebra and absolute numbers and number sets
- Sin and Cosine Laws

Entrance Exam in Physics

Duration: 2 hours

There are 20 questions. Minimum requirement to pass the exam is 11 points.

Topics covered in the exam:

- Electronics, electricity and Magnetism
- Mechanics, mechanical equilibrium, kinematics
- Hydrostatics
- Optics, Energy

Entrance Exam for Applied Genetics candidates

To be eligible to get enrolled in Master of Applied Genetics program at Ilia State University, international candidate should pass the subject-based oral exam. The following areas will be assessed:

- Subject-related basic knowledge (e.g. concepts, theories) – 25 points
- Understanding of current trends and achievements in the field of applied genetics -10 points
- Understanding of the professional development needs for a successful career – 10 points
- Match between the candidate's expectation and program content and objectives – 10 points
- Personal experience and achievements in the discipline – 10 points
- Ability to advocate, verbally and in writing, with precision and clarity – 15 points
- Ability to participate in a discussion and competently address questions asked – 20 points

Entrance Exam for Master of Atmospheric and Near Space Sciences candidates

To be eligible to get enrolled in Master of Atmospheric and Near Space Sciences program at Ilia State University, international candidate should pass the subject-based oral exam. The following areas will be assessed:

- Subject-related basic knowledge (e.g. concepts, theories) – 40 points
- Knowledge of current trends and achievements in the field of atmospheric sciences – 10 points
- Understanding of the professional development needs for a successful career – 10 points
- Match between the candidate's expectation and program content and objectives – 10 points
- Personal experience and achievements in the discipline – 10 points
- Ability to advocate, verbally and in writing, with precision and clarity – 10 points
- Ability to participate in a discussion and competently address questions asked – 10 points