



CAMPUS ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Policy Title: Official Measures of English Language Proficiency for Admission of International Students

Policy Number: 7009 Functional Area: Student Affairs

Date Submitted: September 24, 2019

Proposed Action: Approve Revision

Brief Description: This policy establishes English language proficiency requirements for the admission of international students to CU Denver | CU Anschutz.

Desired Effective Date: April 1, 2020

Reviewing Office: Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs

Responsible Officer: Associate Vice Chancellor, Office of International Affairs

Policy Contact: Clay Harmon

Last Reviewed/Updated: January 1, 2015

Applies to: University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus
University of Colorado Denver
University of Colorado South Denver Location

Reason for Policy: This policy establishes English language proficiency requirements for the admission of international students to CU Denver | CU Anschutz and the responsibility of the university to determine that international student applicants possess a level of proficiency in English necessary to succeed academically. The university is responsible for certifying to the US Department of Homeland Security that this determination has been made, in accordance with US immigration laws, for students requiring visa documents.

I. REASON FOR PROPOSED ACTION

There are several reasons behind the proposed policy changes:

1. Periodic review of the English language proficiency (ELP) policy and standards, since the previous version was approved nearly five years ago (January 2015).
2. The ELP testing marketplace is in a dynamic state of change, with new players entering the market and established providers changing their practices to stay competitive. Therefore we need

to remove specific test score requirements from the policy, which will allow the university to respond more quickly to market changes. In lieu of listing specific scores in the policy, International Admissions will annually publish them in the catalog and on the IA website.

3. International Admissions has offered standing exceptions to international undergraduate applicants for several years on the basis of IB/AP exam scores, transfer coursework completion, etc. We need to codify these practices in the official policy itself.
4. There is a need to clarify various aspects of the policy, such as: ESL Academy completion meeting the ELP requirement for all degree programs; the list of citizenship-based exemptions; overseas coursework completion options; and the ability to grant exceptions for undergraduate, graduate, and non-degree applicants.

II. STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT IN THE POLICY REVIEW

Provost (3-29-20)

Vice Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor for Student Success (L. Bowman, 1-2-20)

Executive Vice Chancellor for Administration & Finance | CFO, CU Anschutz (T. Carrothers, 1-21-20)

Senior Vice Chancellor for Administration & Finance | CFO, CU Denver (J. Sobanet, 12-5-19)

Legal (C. Puckett, 12-4-19)

Graduate Admissions Working Group (1-20-20)

Assistant Vice Chancellor for Admin and Finance (G. Castaño, 1-20-20)

Tuition Projection Director, CU Denver (J. St. Peter, 1-20-20)

Associate Vice Chancellor, Office of International Affairs (A. Jones, 10-2-2019)

Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Operations (N. Viveiros, 10-25-19)

Senior International Services—CU Anschutz (A. Bello, 10-1-10)

Affirmative Action Program Manager (L. Fontana, 10-25-19) sent, no response

ADASG (11-1-19)

Assistant Dean for Student Affairs SSPPS (B. Hemstreet, 10-25-19) Sent, no comments

Associate Dean for Student Affairs & Admissions, SODM (E. Mediavilla, 10-25-19) Sent, no comments

Associate Dean, College of Nursing (L. Small, 10-26-19)

Associate Dean, School of Public Health (M. Dinger, 10-9-19) (Comments)

ASAL (J. Gascoigne, 10-25-19)

Graduate School (I. Wefes, 10-25-19)

Graduate Admissions (K. Santa Maria, 10-25-19)

Faculty Assembly CU Denver (11-20-19)

Faculty Assembly CU Anschutz (11-13-19)

ESL Academy (J. Addison, 10-25-19)

Director, International Enrollment (C. Harmon, ongoing involvement)

Academic Planning Coordinator (M. Heredia, ongoing involvement)

III. LEGAL REVIEW

A. Do you think legal review would be required for these proposed changes?

Yes

1. If no, please explain. N/A
2. If yes, what is your plan to get the legal review? Ask Legal EA to assign an attorney to review.
3. Date legal review completed: 12-4-19

4. Person completing legal review: C. Puckett

IV. FISCAL REVIEW: Are there any financial (human resources, technology, operations, training, etc.) or other resource impacts of implementing this policy (e.g., cost savings, start-up costs, additional time for faculty or staff, new systems, or software)? The decision made in English proficiency could have a significant impact on enrollment. Please include Gabriel Castano and Jennifer St. Peter on any information/decision that changes these measures.