

NYU M.A. in Historical and Sustainable Architecture FAQ – Foreign Language Testing Requirements, IELTS

The Graduate School of Arts and Science (GSAS) requires that certain applicants take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) offered by the Educational Testing Service. Applicants to the Master’s program in Historical and Sustainable Architecture are waived from the TOEFL requirement. However, they may be required to take the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) test instead.

Please read the questions and answers below to see if you are required to take the IELTS test when applying to the program in Historical and Sustainable Architecture.

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1. Do I have to take the IELTS?

In order to comply with the United Kingdom's (UK) visa regulations, all applicants to the Historical and Sustainable Architecture Program are required to take the IELTS unless the student falls under one of the following exemption conditions:

- Citizens of the following countries are EXEMPT from the IELTS test requirement: Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Canada, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, New Zealand, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, and the USA. Only citizens from these countries are exempt; permanent residency status does not meet the UK test exemption standard.
- Applicants who have completed a UK bachelor's degree or equivalent from a recognized English-taught institution in one of the countries listed above are exempt. Bachelor's degrees from English-taught institutions in other countries do not meet the UK test exemption standard.

If you do not meet one of these exemption conditions, then you must take the IELTS to apply to Historical and Sustainable Architecture.

2. Which IELTS test should I take?

You must take the '**Academic**' version of IELTS and this also must be the '**IELTS For UKVI**' version. Please be clear when you are booking your test that it is the correct version. No other versions of the test are accepted. The 'IELTS for UKVI' test will provide you with a *Unique Reference Number (URN)* which you will need to make your Tier 4 visa application.

3. How do I sign up to take the IELTS? Find your nearest IELTS center and check the test dates. See: http://www.ielts.org/test_centre_search/search_results.aspx
When registering, you must confirm that you wish to use your test for UK Visas and Immigration (see question 4, below).

4. Can I take the IELTS at any IELTS test center?

You must take the test at an IELTS test center authorized by UK Visas and Immigration to run IELTS test for UK visa and immigration purposes and you must confirm at the time of registration that you wish to use your test for UK Visas and Immigration.

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For more information, please visit

http://www.ielts.org/test_takers_information/ielts_in_the_uk/for_uk_visas_and_immigration.aspx

5. When should I take the IELTS?

To insure your test scores arrive on time, we recommend you take the IELTS no later than 6-8 weeks before the application deadline date. This will ensure that your test scores are compiled with your application by the deadline date.

6. Can I take the TOEFL or another English language proficiency test instead of the IELTS?

No.

7. What are the minimum test score requirements?

For the UK visa to be approved, IELTS scores must be a minimum of 5.5 out of 9 in each of the four components (listening, speaking, reading, writing).

8. What if I don't meet the minimum IELTS test score requirements to get a UK visa?

In the case that you do not meet the minimum score of 5.5 out of 9 in each of the four components, we recommend that you retake the test.

9. Can I still submit an application to the GSAS Historical and Sustainable Architecture Program even if I don't meet the minimum IELTS test score requirements?

Yes, you may still apply, but you will have to achieve the minimum score threshold in order to be granted the required study visa by UK Visas and Immigration. The Graduate School does not prohibit applicants with lower test scores from applying for admission since many factors influence the admission decision.

10. How do I report my IELTS test scores to GSAS?

DO NOT ask IELTS to send the test scores sent to us. DO NOT list NYU GSAS on your IELTS form (*IELTS Applications to Recognising Organisations*). We will not receive your test scores. Your *IELTS Test Report Form* will be mailed to you from IELTS 13 calendar days after your test date. You should scan your *IELTS Test Report Form* and upload it to your GSAS online application, using one of the sections labeled "Additional

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Information.” If you receive the test scores after you have submitted your application, then please email the scan to gsas.admissions@nyu.edu. The subject line of your message should say, “IELTS, Historical & Sustainable Architecture, YOUR NAME, YOUR Embark ID.”

11. The GSAS online application asks me to report TOEFL scores (Step 2: Page 4). What should I do?

Please leave the TOEFL section completely blank. Do not report your IELTS scores there.

12. I am not familiar with the IELTS test. How can I learn more?

Extensive information about the test is available on the IELTS web site:

<http://www.ielts.org/>

13. Where can I learn more about language requirements for the UK visa?

More information about language requirements can be found on the UK government’s website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-applying-for-uk-visa-approved-english-language-tests>