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To: Okanagan Senate

From: Admissions and Awards Committee

Subject: Admissions Proposal: English Language Admission Standard (ELAS): English Language Competence (approval)

The Admissions and Awards Committee recommends the following to Senate:

Motion: That Senate approve the changes to the UBC Okanagan English Language Admission Standard (ELAS), as recommended by the Admissions and Awards Committee and set out in the attached document.

For the Committee,

Dr. Sharon McCoubrey
Chair, Admissions and Awards Committee



UBC Okanagan Admissions Proposal Form

Approval Date: Proposed for Senate approval on March 24, 2010 Effective Session: Effective for applicants for entry in 2010 Winter Session and thereafter Year for change: To appear in the Calendar release following approval	Date: March 18, 2010 Contact Person: Robert Campbell, Dean, Faculty of Education Phone: 250-807-9170 Email: robert.campbell@ubc.ca
Type of Action: Add a new mechanism for undergraduate applicants to Okanagan programs to meet the English Language Admission Standard (ELAS). Rationale: To enact in Senate policy and Calendar language the following principle, as expressed in a motion approved by the Senate Admissions and Awards Committee on March 18, 2010: “That those international students who hold a BC high school diploma (the Dogwood) be considered for admission to UBC Okanagan in the same manner as any other BC high school graduate. That is, after the successful completion of three or more years in English at a BC accredited secondary school immediately prior to attending UBC.” This change would see BC high school graduates treated equally for the purposes of meeting the English Language Admission Standard (ELAS), no matter where they received their BC high school diploma.	
Proposed Calendar Entry: Homepage > Admissions > English Language Admission Standard > English Language Competence English Language Competence As English is the language of instruction at UBC Okanagan, all applicants, regardless of citizenship status or country of origin, will be required to demonstrate competence in the English language prior to admission. Competence is expected in all four of the following skills: listening,	URL from Web Calendar: http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/Okanagan/index.cfm?tree=2,19,1039,0 Present Calendar Entry: Homepage > Admissions > English Language Admission Standard > English Language Competence English Language Competence As English is the language of instruction at UBC Okanagan, all applicants, regardless of citizenship status or country of origin, will be required to demonstrate competence in the English language prior to admission. Competence is expected in all four of the following skills: listening,



<p>reading, speaking, and writing.</p> <p>Applicants may demonstrate English language competence by one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> three consecutive years of full-time education in English in Canada. Such education must include BC Grade 12 English or equivalent and can be in a combination of secondary and post-secondary education; four years of full-time education in English in Canada, or the equivalent in another country where English is the principal language as determined by UBC. Such education must include BC Grade 12 English or equivalent and can be in a combination of secondary and post-secondary education. Years completed in a recognized international school, where English is the language of instruction, may be eligible for inclusion in the required years of instruction; <u>three consecutive years of full-time education in English in a BC-certified school offering the BC secondary school curriculum outside of Canada. Such education must include BC Grade 12 English;</u> a grade of 70% or better on the provincial examination portion of BC English 12 or English Literature 12 or the equivalent; or a final grade of 5 or better on the International Baccalaureate Higher Level English course; or a final grade of 4 or better on the Advanced Placement English Language and Composition or Literature and Composition courses; or a final grade of B or higher in the General Certificate of Education, Advanced-Level English; <p>[...]</p>	<p>reading, speaking, and writing.</p> <p>Applicants may demonstrate English language competence by one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> three consecutive years of full-time education in English in Canada. Such education must include BC Grade 12 or equivalent and can be in a combination of secondary and post-secondary education; four years of full-time education in English in Canada, or the equivalent in another country where English is the principal language as determined by UBC. Such education must include BC Grade 12 or equivalent and can be in a combination of secondary and post-secondary education. Years completed in a recognized international school, where English is the language of instruction, may be eligible for inclusion in the required years of instruction; a grade of 70% or better on the provincial examination portion of BC English 12 or English Literature 12 or the equivalent; or a final grade of 5 or better on the International Baccalaureate Higher Level English course; or a final grade of 4 or better on the Advanced Placement English Language and Composition or Literature and Composition courses; or a final grade of B or higher in the General Certificate of Education, Advanced-Level English; <p>[...]</p>
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