**Comparing University Admission English Language Proficiency Tests**

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|  | **TOEFL PBT (ITP)** | **TOEFL iBT** | **IELTS** |
| **Cost** | $40 (offered every term on Friday of Week 8; students must register in 207 Week 4) | $180 (students sign up on their own at www.ets.org) | $205 (students sign up on their own at www.ielts.org) |
| **Nearest test center** | EPI | Columbia, SC | Greenville, SC (Clemson) |
| **Things to know** | * Entirely paper-based * Students cannot take notes * Not accepted outside USC * Only test that contains grammar questions | * Entirely computer-based * Students must type their essays * Students can take notes * Entirely academic | * Paper-based, plus face to face interview * Feels easier than TOEFL (but is just as difficult to get a high score) * Spelling counts |
| **Format** | **Listening**   * 30 short “conversations” * 2 longer conversations (2-3 minutes each) * 3 lectures (2-3 minutes each) * 35 minutes total   **Grammar**   * 15 Structure questions (multiple choice) * 25 Written expression questions (sentence error identification) * 25 minutes total   **Reading**   * 50 questions * 55 minutes | **Reading**   * 3-4 passages, 12-14 questions each * 60-80 minutes   **Listening**   * 4-6 lectures, 6 questions each (6-7 minutes each) * 2-3 conversations, 5 questions each (4-6 minutes each) * 60-90 minutes total   <break>  **Speaking**   * 6 tasks; 2 independent and 4 integrated * 20 minutes total   **Writing**   * 1 independent, 30 minutes * 1 integrated, 20 minutes | **Listening**   * 30 minutes (plus 10 minutes transfer time)   **Reading**   * 60 minutes (no extra transfer time)   **Writing**   * Graph/chart description (150 word minimum) * Argument/point of view (250 word minimum)   <break>  **Speaking**   * Part 1: basic personal questions * Part 2: prepared response * Part 3: further abstract questions on the same topic |

\*Independent means that the prompt is the only input for the response; integrated means that the students read and/or listen and are scored on their response to the content.