



Calendar Change Proposal Form UBC Vancouver and UBC Okanagan

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	<p>MELAB Michigan English Language Assessment Battery 85</p> <p>Type of Action: Revise the MELAB requirements for satisfying the English Language Admission Standard.</p> <p>Rationale: For consistency with other English language proficiency tests, the optional speaking section of the MELAB should be required by UBC. The proposed minimum score is 3. According to the MELAB Speaking Test Rating Scale Reference Sheet (see attached) this score represents:</p> <p>GOOD SPEAKER The examinee is quite fluent and interactive but has gaps in linguistic range and control. Overall, the examinee communicates well and is quite fluent. Accent does not usually cause intelligibility problems, though there may be several occurrences of deviations from conventional pronunciation. The examinee is usually quite active in the construction of the interaction and is able to elaborate on topics. Vocabulary range is good, but lexical fillers are often employed. There are some lexical mistakes and/or lack of grammatical accuracy, usually occurring during topic elaboration.</p> <p>Two other Canadian universities specify a minimum speaking score on MELAB. These are the Universities of Guelph and Waterloo. Both require a minimum score of 3.</p>
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