



IELTS Academic™

An iTEP Academic Comparison Chart

The IELTS test is an English testing option around the world, and its function and purpose closely match that of the iTEP Academic Plus test. The iTEP Academic test does hold several advantages, however. iTEP is more affordable; IELTS is nearly double the price for students. IELTS is a paper based test, and as such adds an element of vulnerability to test security. Furthermore, with regard to flexibility of scheduling, iTEP provides tests scheduled on-demand, and results are returned within 5 business days.

	iTEP Academic	IELTS Academic™
Total Exam Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plus: 90 minutes Core: 60 minutes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 265 minutes (all four sections)
Skills Assessed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plus: Grammar, listening, reading, writing, and speaking Core: Grammar, listening, and reading 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Four sections/four skills evaluated: reading, listening, writing, and speaking (face-to-face interview; conducted on different day depending on center)
Target Age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University level students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University Level students
Difficulty Level Tested	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beginner to advanced 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beginner to advanced
Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate students' English ability for college and university admission purposes Place students in English language programs Perform pre- and post-course assessment Qualify candidates for scholarships and exchange program acceptance Evaluate language proficiency for placement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate students' English ability for college and university admission purposes Place students in English language programs Evaluate language proficiency for placement Perform pre- and post-course assessment Qualify candidates for scholarships and exchange program acceptance
Price	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$99 (global retail price for applicants); significant institutional discounts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$200 (variance by country/location)
Delivery Format	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plus: Internet Core: Internet or paper-based 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper, plus face-to-face interview
Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tests can only be administered at secured iTEP Certified Test Centers Certified administrators on-site; ensure that photo IDs match each test-takers Item bank feature ensures that no test is replicated, and that test items are secure by streaming the content live during the exam 	<p>Full security measures in place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tests can only be administered at secured IELTS Certified Test Centers Certified administrators on-site; ensure that photo IDs match each test-takers
Grading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple-choice sections (Grammar, listening, reading) are evaluated by iTEP Grader Software Writing and speaking sections evaluated by iTEP graders- native English speaking ESL trained professionals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scores by IELTS. Test Centers provide scores to test-takers
Scoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overall score ranges from 0 to 6, with .1 level increments, as well as individual section scores, based on standardized rubric 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overall score ranges from 1 to 9, as well as individual section scores, based on standardized rubric
Scheduling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On-demand scheduling within 3 days of contacting a Certified iTEP Test Center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approx. 48 fixed test dates per year; test must be scheduled at least 2 weeks in advance
Results Delivery Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Results returned within 5 business days 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Results usually returned 13 days after test
Additional iTEP Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iTEP partners can get immediate online access to results of the grammar, listening, and reading sections, as well as access to the writing and speaking submissions iTEP available in customized and modularized versions iTEP partners can utilize their premises to become iTEP test centers and administer the exam on-site 	