The Drexel International Gateway Program (“Gateway”) is a one-year (four 10-week term) conditional admission course of study designed to provide international students a foundational year of intensive English program (IEP) study supplemented by test preparation courses as well as credit-bearing university courses within the College of Arts and Sciences (CoAS) at Drexel University. In order to matriculate, participants must progress through the Gateway curriculum, earn a letter of recommendation from their academic advisor, and achieve a minimal IELTS program exit score of 6.0. The current study addresses three research questions:

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2. What is the relationship among initial program entry IELTS scores and credit-bearing university course GPAs?
3. Are first-term post-Gateway matriculated student GPAs comparable to direct admission peers?

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