

Results of the 1998/1999 FEPT and 1997/1998 I-TOEFL Tests

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This article reviews and explains the results of the Freshman English Placement Test (FEPT), administered at Asia University in April 1998 and January 1999 and of the Institutional Test of English as a Foreign Language (I-TOEFL) administered during 1997 and 1998.

1998/1999 FEPT

The FEPT was administered to 1433 entering freshman students in April 1998 and to 1079 freshman students in January 1999. The April test was used to stream students into various levels of Freshman English. Although not an achievement test, it was thought that a resitting of the FEPT at the end of the freshman year might give some indication as to whether or not students had made progress in their English proficiency skills.

Results

As seen by the mean scores of students who took the April 1998 and January 1999 tests (Appendix A) there were noticeable improvements for all four majors. In the January test, Business Administration students show a mean score increase of 8 points, Law students 9 points, Economics students 6 points, and International Relations students 8 points. Looking at the January test scores on the graphs it is interesting to note that for Business Administration, Law and Economics majors there is a significantly high clustering of students who scored between 60 and 80 points on the FEPT. As regards International Relations the majority of students who sat the January test scored between 70 and 90 points. However, for all four majors a different number of students took the test in April and January (Appendix A) but no adjustment was made to account for students who did not participate in both test sessions. As noted by Matsuta and Gondar (1997); "For this reason, an analysis of the two sets of test data cannot present an accurate comparison. It is recommended that student by student results be compared in the future. This will generate more accurate comparative data than the present aggregate group comparison."

The 1997/1998 I-TOEFL

Administration/Methodology

The I-TOEFL was given to all freshman students who planned to participate in AUAP in the 1998/1999 academic year. International Relations and Economics students who participate in AUAP go to the United States in the first semester of their sophomore year (Cycle 1) while Business Administration and Law students go abroad in the second semester (Cycle 2). The I-TOEFL was administered twice during students' freshman year (May and December, 1997). Results of these two tests were used primarily for placement purposes in AUAP. For International Relations and Economics students the examination was given

again for evaluation purposes in September 1998 during their sophomore year after returning from their AUAP semester. Business Administration and Law students will retake the I-TOEFL in February 2000.

Results

Appendix B illustrates the mean scores of all International Relations, Economics, Business Administration and Law students who took the I-TOEFL examinations in May and December, 1997, and of International Relations and Economics students who retook the examination in September 1998. Mean scores of the May and December 1997 test results for Business Administration and Economics students were similar, ranging from 385 to 399 (it should be noted, however, that there was a 50% reduction in the number of Business Administration students who retook the examination in December), while those for International Relations ranged from 424 to 438. Mean scores for the May and December test results for Law students showed a significant improvement, at 369 and 418 (nevertheless here also the number of students who resat the examination in December dropped significantly). The post AUAP score results for International Relations students reflected a mean score increase of 18 points while those for Economics students showed a mean score increase of 13 points. Since Business Administration and Law students have not yet returned from AUAP as of publication date, their post AUAP scores are not available.

References

Matsuta, K. & Gondar, J. (1997). *Results of the 1996 AUET and 1995/1996 I-TOEFL Tests*. *ELERI Journal*, 5, 170-177.

Appendix A

FEPT Results 1998/1999

April 1998

	Business Administration	Law	Economics	International Relations
Number of Examinees	416	434	356	227
Mean Score	58	57	57	68

January 1999

	Business Administration	Law	Economics	International Relations
Number of Examinees	312	320	270	177
Mean Score	66	66	63	76

Appendix B

I-TOEFL Results 1997/1998

May 1997

	International Relations	Economics	Business Administration	Law
Number of Examinees	233	78	76	75
Mean Score	424	390	385	369
Scores over 500	14	0	0	0

December 1997

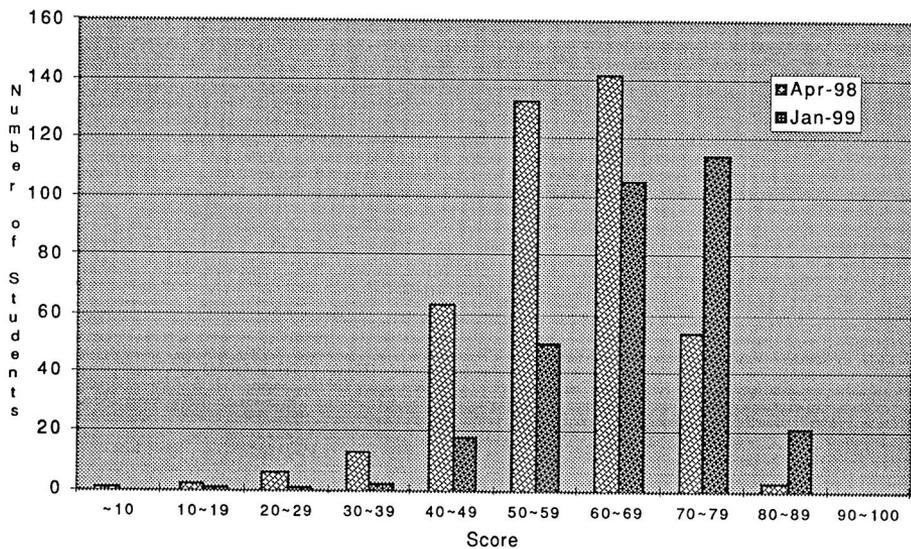
	International Relations	Economics	Business Administration	Law
Number of Examinees	208	63	38	29
Mean Score	438	399	399	418
Scores over 500	14	0	0	0

September 1998

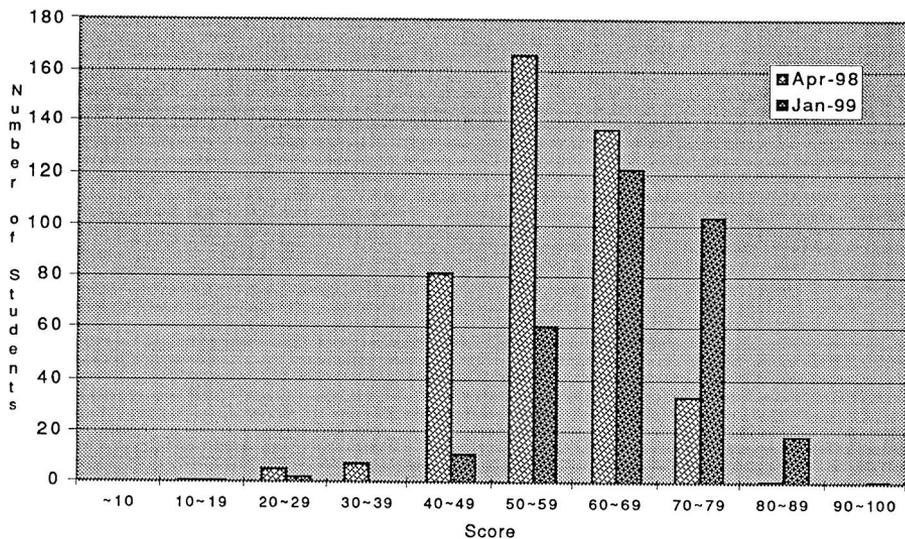
	International Relations	Economics	Business Administration	Law
Number of Examinees	210	85	*	*
Mean Score	456	412	*	*
Scores over 500	43	0	*	*

* Because of the AUAP schedule, Business and Law students have not taken the post-AUAP I-TOEFL as of the date of this article.

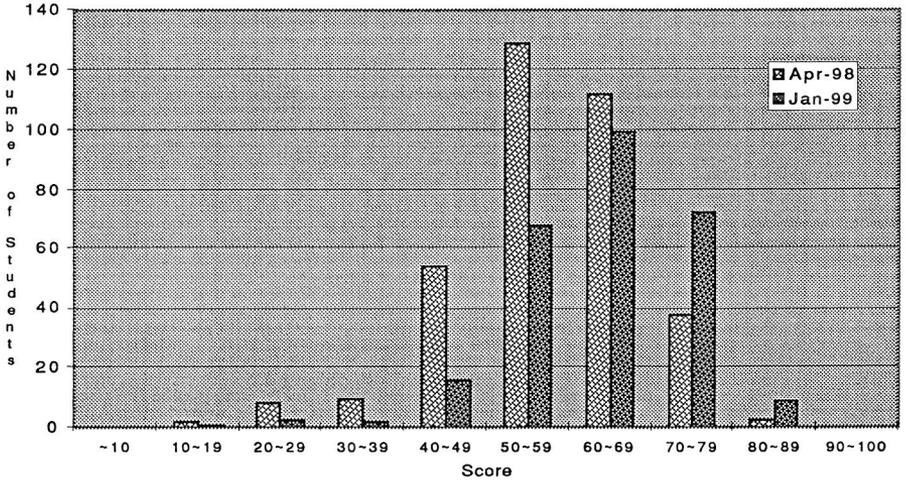
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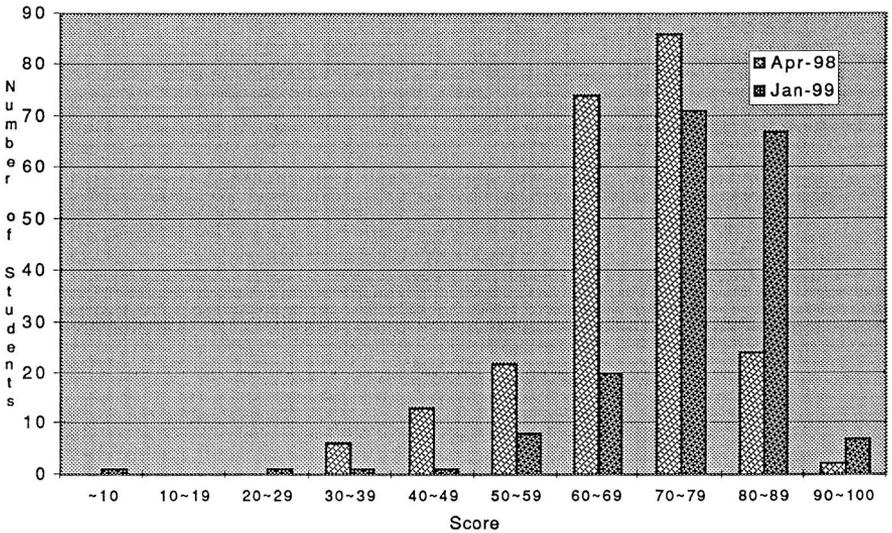
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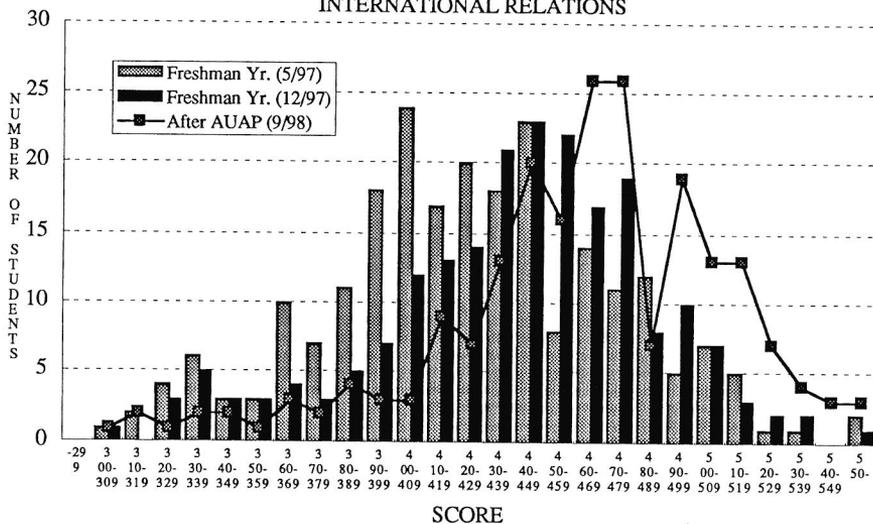


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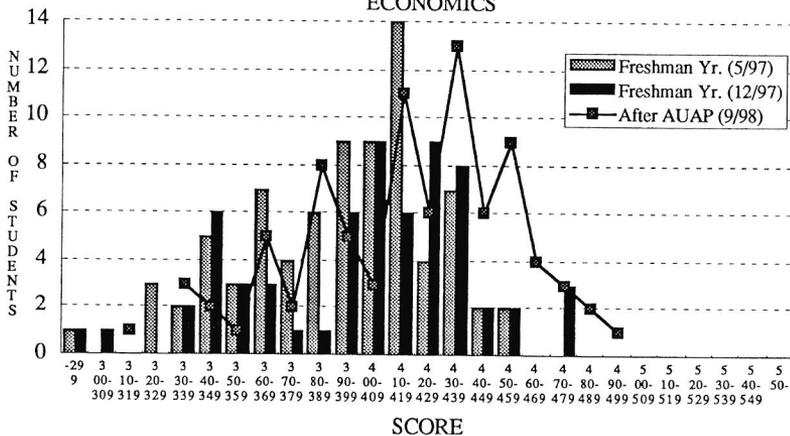
I-TOEFL '97/98

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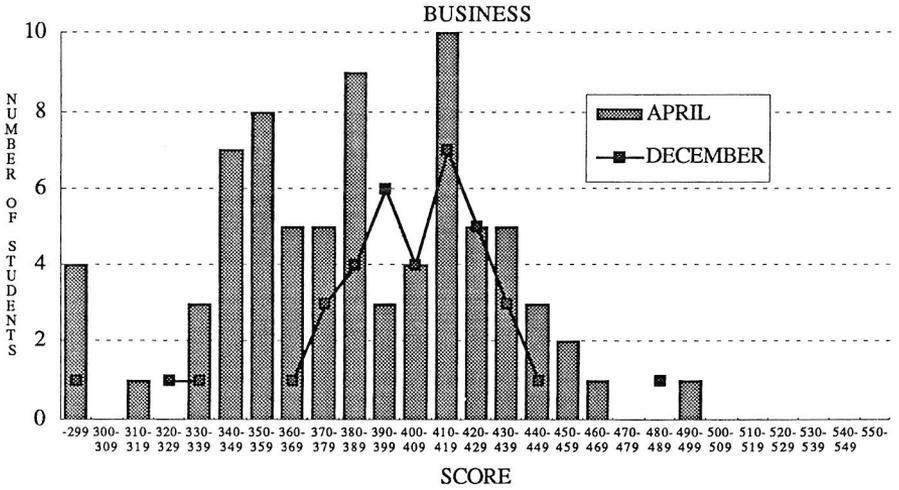


I-TOEFL '97/98

ECONOMICS



I-TOEFL '97



I-TOEFL '97

