

Office of Graduate Studies
English Proficiency Requirements
for
Graduate Teaching Assistants

A student seeking a Graduate Teaching Assistantship (GTA) must demonstrate a higher level of English proficiency than is required for admission to the University. Holding a bachelor's or master's degree from a U.S. institution satisfies the English proficiency requirement for admission but does not demonstrate the higher level of English proficiency required of a GTA. Students must achieve a score of at least 23 on the TOEFL speaking subtest or a score of at least 7 on the speaking section of the IELTS. Students who have not satisfied this requirement before arriving on campus must either take the TOEFL or IELTS at a local testing center and achieve the required minimum score or take and successfully pass the UTA Developmental English course. As is currently done, ELI will send the Graduate School notification of the Developmental English course grade of Pass or Fail. The Graduate School will post the grade and completion date of the course in the student information system (Test Results). Students taking TOEFL or IELTS must request official scores be sent to the Graduate School by ETS or IELTS. The Graduate School will post the scores and the test date in the student information system (Test Results)

A first time GTA holding unconditional or probationary admission status who has not demonstrated English proficiency may be eligible for a one-semester/one-term grace period to satisfy the requirement. The process to obtain the one-semester/one-term grace period is to e-mail the request to Janet Wehner at wehner@uta.edu. Attach her response to the Departmental Request for Tuition Adjustment and Exception Processing form and forward both documents to the Office of Graduate Studies, Box 19167.

The Departmental Request for Tuition Adjustment and Exception Processing form is located at <http://grad.uta.edu> under the menu selection Faculty/Advisor Information.

For additional information, please contact the Office of Graduate Studies at 817-272-2380.