

# Language Requirements & Support for International Students

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# “International” Students

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These requirements are not based on visa or citizenship status.

# Graduate Language Requirements

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Level 3

## TA Requirement

Demonstrate oral English proficiency

Handbook with up-to-date info:

<https://iae.ucdavis.edu/graduate-language-requirements-handbook>

Level 2

## First Year Course Requirement

Complete UWP 225 or UWP 226 unless waived

Level 1

## Admission Requirement

Score 80+ on TOEFL (iBT), 550+ on TOEFL (paper-based), **OR** 7+ on IELTS unless waived

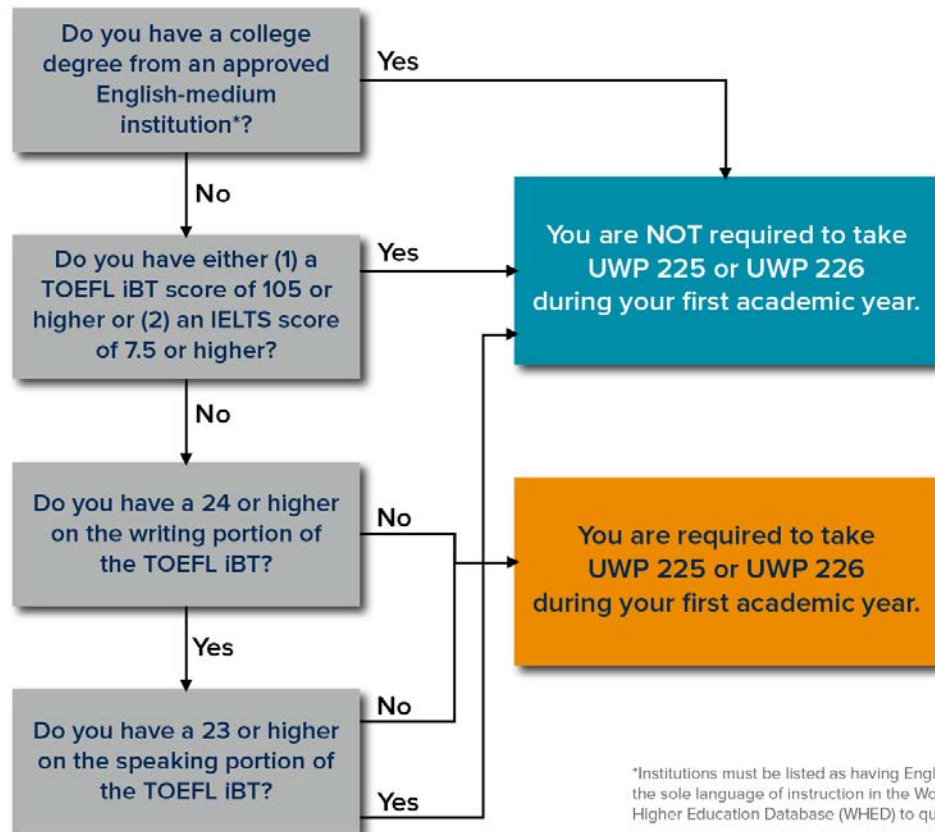


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# First-Year Course Requirement



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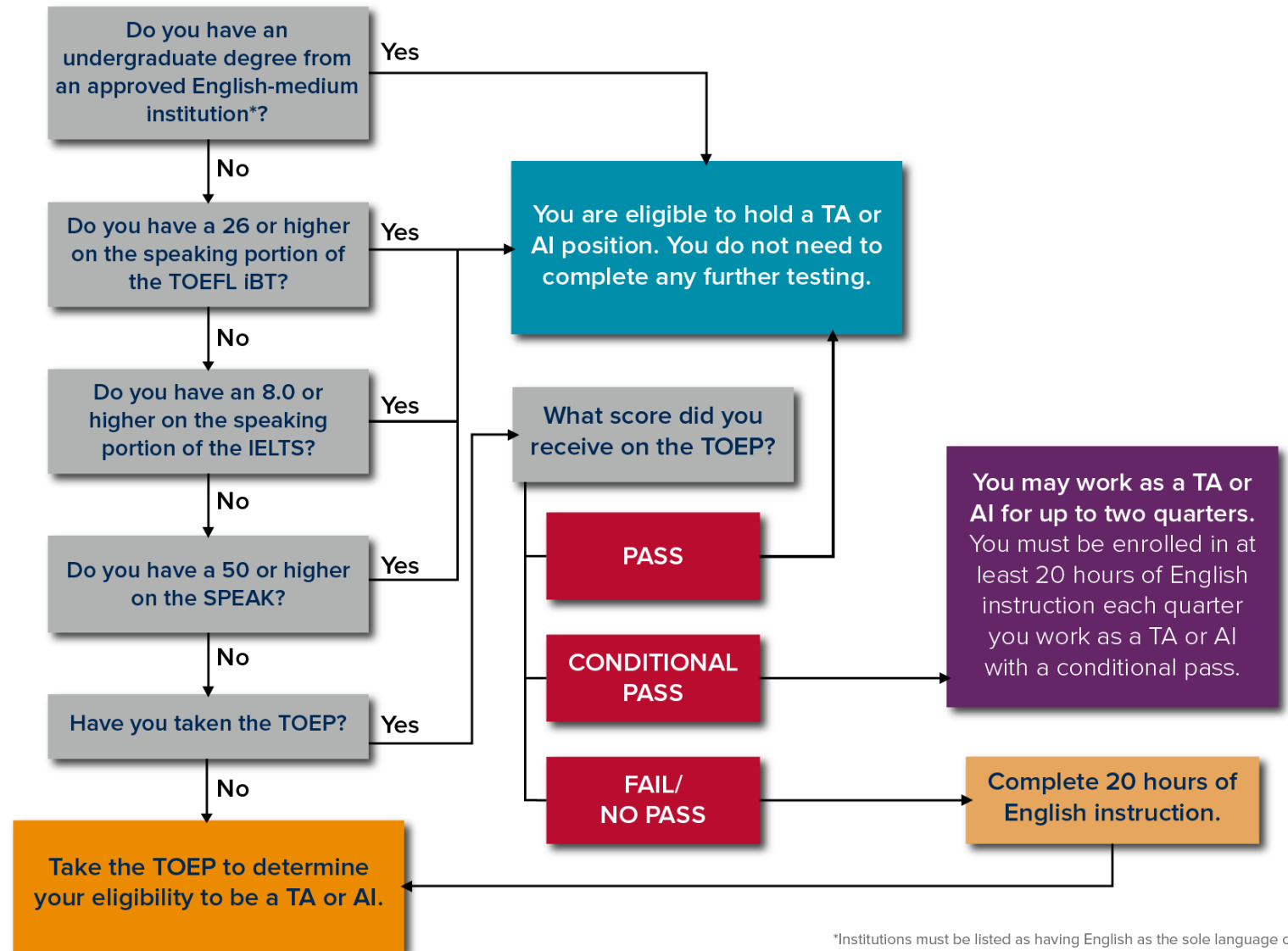
UC Davis Graduate Council Policy GC-2018-02

- Became official policy in 2018
- Courses are now in UWP
  - LIN 25 > UWP 225
  - LIN 26 > UWP 226
- “English-medium institution” - WHED.

Language(s)	Chinese
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# TA Oral Proficiency Requirement



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UC Davis Graduate Studies Policy GS2011-01 (rev02)

# Test of Oral English Proficiency (TOEP)

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- 20-minute TA simulation with 2 undergrads + 2 raters
- Offered at the end of each quarter
- Listed as “ITA Test of Oral English Prof.” in GradHub
  - P = Pass, C = Conditional Pass, F = Fail
- Administered by IAE
- Announced via mailing list, website, Facebook (@IAEgrad)

More info and registration at  
<https://iae.ucdavis.edu/graduate/toep>.

# TOEP: Conditional Pass

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- Eligible to work as a TA for up to two quarters
- Must complete 20 hours of approved English instruction each quarter worked as TA with a conditional pass
  - Grad-level ESL courses (UWP 225, UWP 226, UWP 391)
  - IAE's Workshops & Seminars
  - IAE's Language & Culture Coaching



# Students may retake the TOEP...

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- after one quarter has passed since they last took TOEP

and

- after they have completed 20 hours of approved English instruction

# IAE Graduate Language Support

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- Focused on oral English communication skills, particularly for TAs
  - pronunciation & fluency
  - oral grammar
  - vocabulary
  - culture/pragmatics
  - teaching skills
- Targeted to individual needs
- Flexible scheduling

# Language Advising

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Students can meet with IAE staff to devise a plan for fulfilling requirements and improving oral communication skills.

- IAE table outside TAO
- Individual meetings throughout the year
- Post-TOEP feedback



# Workshops & Seminars

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*More than 40 hours of workshops & seminars per quarter*

Topics include:

- pronunciation
- presentation skills
- culture/pragmatics
- TA skills (office hours, discussion sections, etc.)
- grammar

Generally scheduled from 2:10-4:00 on T/W/R



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# Language & Culture Coaching

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*One-on-one coaching from an undergraduate student*

- Most participants meet with a coach one hour/week
- Lessons are personalized for each student
- Session times are based on the student's availability



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# Let Us Know

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- if our workshop/seminar times won't work for your students
- if you have a group of students who you'd like us to offer a workshop to
- if you'd like us to talk to your students during a dept. orientation
- your orientation schedule if you have several students who will need to take TOEP

