Language Requirements & Support for International Students

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“International” Students

These requirements are not based on visa or citizenship status.
Graduate Language Requirements

Level 1

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

Level 2

First Year Course Requirement
Complete UWP 225 or UWP 226 unless waived

Level 3

TA Requirement
Demonstrate oral English proficiency

Handbook with up-to-date info:
https://iae.ucdavis.edu/graduate-language-requirements-handbook
First-Year Course Requirement

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

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TA Oral Proficiency Requirement

- Do you have an undergraduate degree from an approved English-medium institution? 
  - Yes
    - You are eligible to hold a TA or AI position. You do not need to complete any further testing.
  - No
    - Do you have a 26 or higher on the speaking portion of the TOEFL IBT? 
      - Yes
        - What score did you receive on the TOEFL?
          - PASS
          - CONDITIONAL PASS
          - FAIL/NO PASS
      - No
        - Do you have an 8.0 or higher on the speaking portion of the IELTS? 
          - Yes
            - What score did you receive on the TOEFL?
              - PASS
              - CONDITIONAL PASS
              - FAIL/NO PASS
          - No
            - Do you have a 50 or higher on the SPEAK? 
              - Yes
                - What score did you receive on the TOEFL?
                  - PASS
                  - CONDITIONAL PASS
                  - FAIL/NO PASS
              - No
                - Have you taken the TOEFL? 
                  - Yes
                    - What score did you receive on the TOEFL?
                      - PASS
                      - CONDITIONAL PASS
                      - FAIL/NO PASS
                  - No
                    - Take the TOEFL to determine your eligibility to be a TA or AI.

*Institutions must be listed as having English as the sole language of instruction in the World Higher Education Database (WHED) to qualify. UC Davis Graduate Studies Policy GS4019-01 (rev02)*
Test of Oral English Proficiency (TOEP)

- 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

- 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...

- 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

- 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

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

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
Language & Culture Coaching

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
Let Us Know

◦ 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