

All international graduate students whose native language is not English (i.e. those required to submit TOEFL results to enter UGA) are required to have a passing score (26) on the speaking section of the TOEFL iBT and at least one semester of a teaching support seminar (i.e. GRSC 7770 or departmental equivalent) before having contact with students in an instructional role.

- A. Students with a speaking score of 26 or higher on the TOEFL iBT can be considered for any teaching assignments if they have attended the Fall TA Orientation and successfully completed a GRSC 7770 teaching seminar or departmental equivalent.
- B. Students with a speaking score of 23-24 on the TOEFL iBT must complete a 3-credit-hour language and cultural orientation course (currently identified as ELAN 7769). Upon completion of ELAN 7769 and with a recommendation from the ELAN 7769 instructor, students with a 23 may teach in limited and closely monitored assignments (e.g. laboratory teaching, graders, language teaching in native language). Students with a 24 and an ELAN recommendation may be considered to teach for any assignment. All graduate teaching and laboratory assistants must complete a GRSC 7770 teaching support seminar or departmental equivalent and attend TA Orientation before assuming any instructional duties.
- C. Students with a speaking score of 20-22 on the TOEFL iBT test must successfully complete a 3-credit-hour language skills course (currently identified as ELAN 7768) before enrolling in ELAN 7769.
- D. Students who have no formal language score are required to enroll in ELAN 7768 for language evaluation and must take the TOEFL iBT before being considered for a teaching assignment.
- E. Registration for The TOEFL iBT language evaluation is available from Educational Testing Service <http://testing.uga.edu/detail/toefl.html>.
- F. Departments who must support graduate students with teaching assignments the first year of a graduate program should only accept those students with a speaking score of at least 24.
- G. Appeals to waive the speaking score of 26 for full teaching assignments will be conducted if the student has (1) successfully completed ELAN 7769, (2) has a recommendation from the ELAN 7769 instructor, (3) has taken the TOEFL iBT at least twice with a score of at least 23, and (4) has a departmental recommendation and a request for an appeal.

These guidelines will be administered for the Provost/Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs by the Center for Teaching & Learning. Language instruction in the special sections of ELAN 7768 and 7769 will be provided by Dr. Linda Harklau in the Department of Language & Literacy Education (lharklau@uga.edu). Questions regarding the implementation of the TA Policy regarding international students should be referred to Dr. Paul Quick (pauquick@uga.edu) at the Center for Teaching and Learning.