

REQUIRED TESTS FOR GTA ELIGIBILITY

TOEFL/IELTS/CAE

Any graduate applicant whose native language is not English or is from a country where English is not the native language, who wishes to be considered for any Graduate Teaching Assistantship during any year of study in any graduate department at the University of Denver, must demonstrate fluency in spoken English by scoring a minimum of **26** on the Internet Based TOEFL (iBT) exam speaking section, an IELTS score of **8** on the speaking section or a minimum score of **200** on the CAE speaking section.

Please note that paper-based TOEFL scores will not be accepted for those applicants who wish to be considered for any Graduate Teaching Assistantship.

GTA English Language Exemption

Prospective GTAs may be exempted from submitting TOEFL/IELTS/CAE scores if they:

- Have earned a baccalaureate degree or higher from a formally-recognized/accredited university where the institution's language of instruction and examination is English and have four or more consecutive years of work/instructional experience in countries with an official native language of English and the language of employment/instruction is English.

Note: *GTA awards may be revoked or restricted to non-teaching assistantship responsibilities at the discretion of the division if the GTA does not demonstrate sufficient English fluency in the classroom.*

English Language Proficiency Assessment

Students offered a Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA) position whose native language is not English will be assessed by the University of Denver's English Language Center (ELC) by completing the English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA) designed specifically for GTAs.

Prospective GTAs who are awarded a GTA position based on demonstrated fluency in spoken English with TOEFL/IELTS/CAE minimum scores required for GTAs whose ELPA demonstrates they are not sufficiently proficient may be permitted to hold an assistantship position, but must be restricted to non-teaching responsibilities and will be required to enroll in an ELC bridge course for enrichment.

Students may contact the unit and/or the Office of Graduate Education for additional details.