REQUIRED TESTS FOR GTA ELIGIBILITY

TOEFL/IELTS
Any graduate applicant whose native language is not English (including US citizens and permanent residents) and who is from a country where English is not the native language, regardless of his or her educational background or citizenship, 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 or an IELTS score of 8 on the speaking section.

English Language Proficiency Assessment
Students offered a Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA) position whose native language is not English and who are required to submit TOEFL/IELTS scores will be assessed by the University of Denver English Language Center (ELC) and will need to complete a proficiency assessment designed specifically for GTAs.

Prospective GTAs who are awarded a GTA based on demonstrated fluency in spoken English by scoring a 26 on the TOEFL speaking section or an eight (8) on the IELTS speaking section whose University of Denver assessment demonstrates they are not sufficiently proficient may be permitted to hold a GTA position, but must be restricted to non-teaching GTA responsibilities and will be required to enroll in an ELC speaking bridge course for enrichment.

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