The University requires high standards of English language proficiency for nonnative English speaking students who are appointed to teaching assistant positions. All nonnative English speaking Teaching Assistants (TAs) will demonstrate proficiency in spoken English appropriate to the demands of their teaching assistantship.

- UM policy “Language Proficiency Requirements for TAs”

To meet the policy requirements for being a Teaching Assistant (TA), you must have an English Language Proficiency (ELP) rating. Refer to one of the flowcharts below depending on when you were admitted to the U of M:

**What is my eligibility?**

Do you have an ibTOEFL speaking score?

- Yes
  - Your ibTOEFL speaking score will automatically be translated into an ELP rating.
  - TOEFL speaking score of 27-30 = ELP 1
    - ELP 1: Eligible for all TA duties
  - TOEFL speaking score of 23-26 = ELP 2
    - ELP 2: Eligible for all TA duties, but you must enroll in GRAD 5105 if teaching (e.g., leading a lab, discussion, recitation)
  - TOEFL speaking score of 18-22 = ELP 4
    - ELP 4: Not eligible for teaching. Enroll in GRAD 5102 if you are grading, tutoring, or having office hours.
  - TOEFL speaking score of less than 18 = ELP 5
    - ELP 5: Not eligible for TA duties. Contact Jeff Lindgren lindgo27@umn.edu to determine course options.

- No
  - You should register to take the SETTA (Spoken English Test for TAs). SETTA will give you an ELP rating (see below).

Note: ELP 3 has been phased out
For Students Admitted Prior to Fall 2010

Do you already have an English Language Proficiency (ELP) rating from the SPEAK test or a GRAD course?

Yes: You need to take a course if you are a TA now (See below.) You may take the SETTA 12 months after your last SPEAK test or final exam from Foundations, GRAD 5012, or GRAD 5015.

No: Do you have an ibTOEFL speaking score?

Yes: Your ibTOEFL speaking score will automatically be translated into an ELP rating.

No: You should register to take the SETTA (Spoken English Test for TAs). SETTA will give you an ELP rating (see below).

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ELP 1 = Eligible for all TA duties

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TOEFL speaking score of less than 18 = ELP 5

ELP 5 = Not eligible for TA duties. Contact Jeff Lindgren lindg027@umn.edu to determine course options.

Note: ELP 3 is being phased out.

For more information on English proficiency requirements for teaching assistants: http://z.umn.edu/ELP
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