English proficiency requirements for serving as a Teaching Assistant or Teaching Associate:

**Passing score for a campus-approved test**
- **TOEFL iBT**
  - Minimum score: 26 on the speaking section
  - Scores are valid for two years after the test date.
- **IELTS**
  - Minimum score: 8 on the speaking section
  - Scores are valid for two years after the test date.
- **TOEP**
  - Minimum score: 5
  - Scores are valid for the duration of the time a student is enrolled at UCI.
- **SPEAK**
  - Minimum score: 50
  - Scores are valid for the duration of the time a student is enrolled at UCI

or;

**Institution where the undergraduate degree was earned**
- Earned an undergraduate degree from an institution at which English was the *sole* language of instruction according to the *World Higher Education Database* within five years prior to admission to a graduate program at UCI.

Does the student meet one of the requirements?

- Yes
  - The student is eligible to be hired as a teaching assistant or associate
- No
  - Did the student earn an undergraduate degree from an institution at which English was the *sole* language of instruction according to the *World Higher Education Database* more than five years prior to admission to a graduate program at UCI?
    - Yes
      - The student must take and pass one of the campus-approved tests. Please see the box to the left for a list of approved tests and minimum scores.
    - No
      - The student is eligible to be hired as a teaching assistant or associate
  - No
    - The student is eligible to be hired as a teaching assistant or associate

The hiring department may request that the student take an oral screening with Program in Global Languages & Communication to determine if the student will be required to pass one of the campus-approved tests prior to being appointed or will be exempted from further testing.