Everything you need to know about UCI’s Oral Proficiency Testing and Academic English/ESL classes

International students must get ONE of these minimum scores in order to be a TA: 26 on the speaking part of TOEFL iBT, 8 on the speaking part of IELTS, 50 on UCI’s SPEAK, OR 5 on UCI’s TOEP.

SPEAK is a computer-based test given 4 times each year: approximately 3 weeks before the beginning of Fall quarter, and during the 4th week of classes in Fall, Winter and Spring quarters. Students receive results approximately 2 weeks after the test.

SPEAK TEST DATES IN 2016-2017

August 24, 2016 (registration July 29-August 5)
October 19, 2016 (registration October 7-14)
February 1, 2017 (registration January 20-27)
April 26, 2017 (registration April 14-21)

ETS’s standardized TOEFL iBT is offered at UCI and at other campuses in Southern CA. Check the ETS website (http://www.ets.org/toefl). IELTS is also given (http://www.ielts.org).

TOEP is an interview exam given 3 times a year: in early September and at the end of fall and spring quarters. Students receive results within 1 week after the test.

TOEP TEST DATES IN 2016-2017

SEPTEMBER 12-15, 2016 (registration August 8-12)
DECEMBER 9 and 12-13, 2016 (registration November 16-20)
JUNE 16 and 19-21, 2017 (registration May 1-5)

➢ The UCI Graduate Council sets test eligibility. Students MUST have a score on file for TOEFL iBT or IELTS, or a score of 40 or 45 on their first SPEAK@UCI to be eligible to take TOEP one time. Only those receiving a 4 on TOEP or 45 on SPEAK are eligible to repeat these tests without passing an ESL class. Contact earlecar@uci.edu with questions.
Please note that spaces for UCI oral proficiency tests fill very quickly so make sure to register early (beginning at 8:30 a.m. on registration dates). You must register using the links on line after reading all eligibility rules on the SPEAK and/or TOEP websites.


Each test costs $70. Payments are made to the Cashier's Office (payable to UC Regents).

**Academic English/ESL classes at UCI:** International graduate students who want to improve English skills should enroll in Academic English/ESL courses, offered every quarter except as noted. Contact klenz@uci.edu with questions about classes.

- AcEng 23A (Pronunciation)
- AcEng 23B (Conversation)
- AcEng 23C (Advanced Communication and Presentations)
- AcEng 24 (International TA Workshop, Spring only)
- AcEng 28 (Grammar for Writing)
- AcEng 29 (Special Topic: Conversation) (note: pending seat availability; undergraduate students have priority)
- AcEng 139W (Advanced Academic Writing) (note: heavy workload; instructor’s permission required)