The International Teaching Assistant Program (ITAP)

What is ITAP?

The International Teaching Assistant Program is administered by the English Language Institute.

Its purpose is to train, evaluate, and screen international graduate teaching assistants whose native language is not English.

UA requires all non-native English speaking teaching assistants to successfully complete the program.

The program consists of the following steps:
1. Placement testing
2. Students are placed into 1 of 3 courses:
   - Oral Skills: A semester-long speaking course
   - Oral Skills + Teaching Methods: A semester-long course with 8 weeks of speaking skills, as well as 8 weeks of teacher training
   - Teaching Methods: An 8-week course that prepares students to teach in an American college classroom
   (All courses are at 8:00 am.)
3. Proficiency exam
4. Class observation and follow-up meeting

How do students register for ITAP?

Students are registered for the ITAP exams and courses by their departments. All registration is done through the Graduate School's Slate system during designated registration periods.

Who do I contact if I have questions?

For more information regarding The University of Alabama’s ITAP Program, visit the website, http://international.ua.edu/eli/itap/ or contact:

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## Guidelines for ITAP Placement of New Students

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