

Appendix C – English Language Proficiency Requirements

C.1 English as Second Language (ESL) Requirements

All graduate degree-seeking international students whose English is not their first language must take the English Placement Test (English language proficiency examination) administered by the IUPUI English as a Second Language (ESL) Program before they are permitted to enroll for classes after admission.

Students tested with English language deficiencies are required to take all of the remedial courses determined by the ESL placements and receive passing grades on those courses. Students must begin taking the first ESL course in the first semester of enrollment and complete the requirements in sequence before graduation. Students with incomplete ESL requirements will not be approved for graduation. There is one exception to the rule: “Students placed into English G013 ‘Reading/Writing for Academic Purposes’ may replace G013 with TCM 460 ‘Engineering Communication in Academic Context’.”

C.2 SPEAK Test for International Graduate Teaching Assistants

All non-native speakers of English must be tested for their oral English proficiency before they are assigned duties that involve direct student contact (teaching assistant, laboratory assistant, graders, and tutors). Students must take and pass the SPEAK Test, a nationally standardized test before the students are given an academic appointment. Students who failed to obtain the required minimum scores will need to take an ESL course, G020 “Communication Skills for International Teaching Assistants” (3 credit hours) and take the test again before they can accept their appointments.