ESL Requirement for Graduate Students

Who must take the ESLPE?

The ESLPE is required of all entering UCLA graduate students whose first language is not English and who have not otherwise satisfied the ESL requirement. Neither the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) nor any other English proficiency test can be submitted or accepted in lieu of the ESLPE. **Graduate students, if applicable, must satisfy their ESL requirement during their first year of residency.**

Nonnative-speaking graduate students are EXEMPT from the ESLPE if they hold a bachelor's or higher degree from a university in a country where the official language is English and in which English is the spoken tongue and the medium of instruction.

Questions regarding why a student is held for the ESLPE should be directed to the Graduate Division.

When are the ESLPEs offered and how do students register?

The ESLPE is offered ONCE every quarter <u>during the academic year</u> (more during the Fall). Students must register at the Writing Programs website at <u>www.wp.ucla.edu</u> (under "ESL").

*If a student fails to register for the scheduled exam, they must wait until the next exam is offered as the department does not administer individual exams.

How many times can graduate students take the exam?

Graduate students may take the ESLPE <u>up to two times</u>. Graduate students who believe that their initial ESLPE score is not reflective of their English language proficiency due to having recently arrived in the U.S. <u>may sit for the examination a second time in the subsequent term only</u> (retaking the examination in the same term is not counted as a valid result). The most recent examination score is held to be valid.

Who is the contact for the ESL requirement and ESLPE?

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