ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENT

Fall 2010

To: Degree-seeking students in the Graduate School (for whom English is not their native language)  
From: Alan Forsyth, ESL Testing Director

All new graduate students enrolled in a degree program in the Graduate School (for whom English is not their native language) must participate in an Emory-specific English language assessment prior to registration.

Location: Room 101 North Decatur Building (map: [http://map.emory.edu/](http://map.emory.edu/) search for “North Decatur Building”)  
Time: Begins at 8:45 a.m. unless otherwise noted; ends by 12:30 p.m.  
Date: Please refer to the schedule below for testing dates based on the academic program.

Biomedical Engineering  
Monday, August 9

Chemistry, Physics, Religion  
Wednesday, August 11

Business (Ph.D.), Economics, Health Services Research and Health Policy  
Monday, August 16 (time change: 1:15 p.m.- 4:15 p.m.)

Behavioral Sciences and Health Education, Bioethics, Biological and Biomedical Sciences, Nursing (Ph.D.)  
Wednesday, August 18

Biostatistics, Computer Science, Mathematics  
Thursday, August 19

All Other Programs  
Saturday, August 21

If scores on the Writing Placement and Oral Proficiency Interview show the need for English language support, a student enrolls in ESL courses during the first year. Required for continuation in the graduate school, these courses carry 2-4 hours credit, are graded S/U, and appear on transcripts. Upon satisfactory completion, the student will have the opportunity to participate in the TATTO (teaching assistantship) Summer Course.

Those students needing two ESL courses in one term will be expected to reduce their discipline specific loads to accommodate the academic requirements of English support classes. Research indicates that time taken for improvement of English skills early in one’s graduate program will be recovered as performance improves.

More information about the ESL Program can be found at [http://gs.emory.edu/resources/esl.php](http://gs.emory.edu/resources/esl.php).  
If you have questions about the assessment or course requirements, please contact me at (404) 727-6921 or alan.forsyth@emory.edu.