TEPAIC Testing at IU
Registration Guidelines for Prospective AIs in EALC

In order to teach at Indiana University, all non-native speakers of English must take and pass the Test of English Proficiency for International Assistant Instructor Candidates (TEPAIC). This test is administered by the Department of Second Language Studies (SLS) and complete information on the test is available on their website here. The test is officially offered in early January, mid Spring, late August, and mid Fall.

It is very important for AI applicants to East Asian Languages and Cultures (EALC) to understand that if they are unable to pass this test, any previous offers of an AI position in EALC will be revoked.

Registration for the test:

For currently enrolled IU Graduate Students:

Students wishing to take the TEPAIC must be recommended for the test by the department that they wish to teach in. If you plan to apply for an AI position with EALC and have not taken the TEPAIC, you must first see the language coordinator for the language that you wish to teach. That faculty member will make a decision as to whether EALC will request that you be allowed to test.

If you are approved to take the test, EALC will report your basic information (Name, Student ID number, TOEFL score) to Second Language Studies so that you will be able to register for the test. You will then need to register in person at SLS in the two-week period prior to the test. You can find the test date and sign-up schedule here. At the time that you register, you will be given a test time and more information on the test.

For incoming EALC graduate students:

New international students who have been offered an AI position with EALC must be able to take and pass the TEPAIC in order to keep their AI-ship. It is important to remember that the TEPAIC is a different test than the English test given to all incoming international students. Both exams must be taken very seriously.

EALC will request test registration **and test times** for incoming AIs for the August test dates.   We will only do this for students who are new to Indiana University. Other students must see SLS in the two weeks before the test to set their own test time.

EALC will receive the test times and testing information from SLS and will distribute it to incoming AIs after they arrive on campus. It is very important that you check with the EALC graduate secretary if you do not receive your test time.

After the test:

On the test date, it is important that you show up on time and prepared.

During the night or morning following your test, you will receive an e-mail from Second Language Studies with your test results. That message will be copied to EALC so that we receive it at the same time that you do.

Students who pass the test with a designation of C1, C2, or C3 will be allowed to teach in EALC.

Students who receive a designation of NC4 have not passed the test, but may be eligible for an appeal exam. If you qualify for an appeal, then information about registering for and taking the appeal exam will be sent to you when you receive your test results.

At the lowest level, designation NC5, students are not eligible to appeal and will need to wait to take the test again the next time it is offered.

Students with an NC4 who cannot pass the appeal exam, and students with an NC5 are not permitted to teach and any AI-ship offers made must be revoked per university policy.

All AI applicants are encouraged to carefully review all of the information on the [TEPAIC on the SLS website](#).

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