

## 🌀 Tuesday, August 16 🌀

8:30 - 9:00 a.m.

Lyman Hall Lobby

Continental Breakfast

Breakfast will be provided for those orientation participants who need to complete the microteaching exercise.

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

See Room Assignments on page 4

Small Groups/  
Microteaching  
continued

If necessary you may need to meet with your small group at this time for additional conversation, debriefing, discussion, and to complete the microteaching exercise.

Leaders: *Teaching Mentors*

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Appointments via Zoom

English Language  
Proficiency Testing

Unless previously exempted from the process, all ITAs will undergo English language assessment during the TA Orientation. The assessment consists of an interview (approximately 15 minutes) with a panel comprised of a representative of the Graduate School, an English to Speakers of Others Languages (ESOL) instructor, a faculty member in the ITA's program, and a current Syracuse University undergraduate student. If available, video of the ITA's microteaching exercise will serve as the basis of discussion for part of the interview. The assessment will focus on overall communication skills in instructional contexts typical of TA assignments.

Following the interview, you will receive a rating on the Graduate School's 4-point scale of English proficiency. The purpose of the assessment is to identify ITAs who would benefit from the Graduate School's English Language Proficiency Services, such as one of three free courses designed specifically for ITAs, an English conversation partner, or the ITA Code Switching Skills Program.

Please note that your graduate assistantship is not contingent on "passing" the language assessment. You have already received and accepted the offer of a TA appointment prior to registering for the TA Orientation. In some cases, departments may choose to modify a TA assignment (e.g., assigning two 10-hour grader-ships instead of 20 hours leading discussion sections) or defer TA duties in favor of another form of assistantship, but this will not affect your funding.