

12.05 Training for English Proficiency

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Policy Summary

Texas Education Code, Section 51.917 requires that all faculty members be proficient in the use of the English language. This policy is designed to ensure that all universities (academic institutions) of The Texas A&M University System provide the necessary training for faculty members to reach proficiency to provide the best possible education for students.

Policy

1. Each faculty member at each academic institution must be proficient in the English language, both orally and in writing. The same policy applies to all teaching assistants given the duty of oral presentations. An exception is made only in the case of joint international programs where the course may be taught in the language of the visiting professor.
 2. Each academic institution, in compliance with statute, is required to establish a program or short course, the purpose of which is:
 - (a) to assist faculty members whose primary language is not English to become proficient in the use of English. A description of the program or short course is to be submitted to the chancellor and updated as changes are made; and
 - (b) to ensure that courses offered for credit at the institution are taught in the English language and that all faculty members are proficient in the use of the English language, as determined by a satisfactory grade on the “Test of Spoken English” of the Educational Testing Service or a similar test approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (coordinating board).
 3. The cost of such English proficiency course as determined by the coordinating board must be paid by the faculty member lacking proficiency in English. A faculty member must take the course until deemed proficient in English by the faculty member’s supervisor.
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Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

[Tex. Educ. Code § 51.917](#)

Member Rule Requirements

A rule is not required to supplement this policy.

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