

MISSION:

The Learning Resource Center (LRC) seeks to connect GMU's multilingual students to services and resources that will enable them to improve their English language and academic skills for the purposes of educational, professional, and personal growth.

Specifically, the LRC serves both INTO Mason and the university as a whole by providing:

- **Tutoring** (English language and designated Pathway Program content areas)
- **Workshops** for English grammar, pronunciation, writing, vocabulary, test prep, and more.
- Individual and group **study areas**, including multi-media centers
- **Library** of graded ESL readers, dictionaries, and other reference materials.
- **Testing** of oral English language proficiency for GMU international graduate teaching assistants.
- **Technology** access - computers (including learning software), printer/copier/scanner.



Hours:

Spring / Fall

Monday—Thursday: 9:30am—6:00pm

Fridays: 9:30am—4:30pm

Summer:

Monday—Thursday: 10:00am—4:00pm

Fridays: 10:00am—2:30pm



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Oral English Proficiency Testing for GTAs

The INTO Mason Learning Resource Center (LRC) administers the Classroom English Language Teaching Demonstration (CELTD) assessment to international students who have pending offers from GMU departments for positions as Graduate Teaching Assistants (GTAs).

Assessments are offered throughout the year and require students to present a 15-minute classroom lecture – followed by Q&A – on a topic related to their proposed GTA assignment. A minimum of two evaluators score each presentation for accuracy in pronunciation, range and precision in grammar and vocabulary, and overall effectiveness.

Assessments are video recorded, and both students and hiring departments are notified of test results within 5-7 business days.

Students whose oral English skills are determined to be insufficient are required to receive 6-16 hours of English language tutoring in the LRC, depending on their scores. Tutoring is provided one-on-one or in small groups, and is targeted to students' specific language needs. The LRC tracks and reports students' progress to hiring units.

GTAs may meet with a tutor up to twice a week and have the option of continuing to receive support from the LRC after they have fulfilled their tutoring requirement.

REGISTER ONLINE

Tutoring, testing and workshop appointments:

<https://intomason.mywconline.com>

English Language:

English language tutoring is available to any multilingual GMU student in the Learning Resource Center (LRC), Monday thru Friday, throughout the spring, summer, and fall semesters. Tutoring is also available at designated times in Founders Hall, on the Arlington campus. English language tutoring encompasses a range of skill areas including:

Writing: Paper organization, developing thesis statements and supporting arguments, grammatical accuracy, paraphrasing/summarizing, vocabulary selection, and proper use of citations.

Speaking: Pronunciation, oral grammar, fluency, discourse competency, and presentation skills.

Listening: Strategies for increasing comprehension in the classroom.

Reading: Tools for identifying key themes and terms in academic texts.

Pathway Content Areas:

LRC content tutors are available to help INTO Mason Pathway students in designated courses that may be challenging due to the complex nature of the material. As needed, content tutoring has been provided for accounting, mathematics, physics, economics, bioinformatics, data analytics, and statistics. Content tutors must have a graduate degree – or be enrolled in a GMU graduate program – in a field related to their tutoring assignment.

WORKSHOPS:

LRC tutors offer a regular program of English language workshops during the fall and spring semesters. Students register for these workshops online, and walk-ins are accommodated on a space-available basis.

Topics of these workshop series vary by semester based on feedback from tutors, students, and instructors. Past programs have included:

- Grammar Troublespots
- IETLS Prep
- Pronunciation Lab
- Vocabulary Building
- Conversation Practice
- Supervised Writing

In addition, Mason faculty offer periodic workshops on a range of topics, including grammar, writing, study skills, and test-taking.

English Language Tutoring and Support

— for GMU multilingual students

