

1116-F1-1000 **Rachel Grotheer***, Department of Mathematical Sciences, O-110 Martin Hall, Box 340975,
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Clemson.*

The teaching of undergraduates by graduate students is an essential component of the mathematics graduate program at many universities. As a result, many universities require international graduate students to demonstrate proficiency in spoken English in order to maintain their assistantships and teach. At Clemson, we have recognized that this requirement existed without any support from the university to enable the students to meet it. At the request of the department's graduate chair, we have developed a class to aid international graduate students in developing their spoken English skills, as well as their awareness of cultural norms and differences in an American classroom, to help them succeed not only as graduate teaching assistants, but in all aspects of their professional and personal life in the United States. In this talk we will give an overview of the program, its early success, and the importance of and challenges in encouraging, supporting and welcoming students from all nations into a graduate mathematics program. (Received September 15, 2015)