Prior to beginning the SITA course, new ITAs must attend the Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA) Orientation, sponsored by the Graduate College. Orientation prepares graduate students with essential information on teaching in higher education, including teaching strategies, student conduct, and legal matters. GTA orientation includes speakers and interactive components designed to empower, inspire, and prepare graduate teaching assistants for their roles as effective instructors of undergraduate courses at FAU. For more information and to register, visit: www.fau.edu/graduate/events/gtaorientation.php.
VISION

The Seminar for International Teaching Assistants (SITA) is designed to prepare International Teaching Assistants (ITAs) for instructional assignments at Florida Atlantic University. International graduate students who are non-native English speakers who expect to receive instructional assignments must successfully complete the SITA training. SITA is a collaboration between the Graduate College and Center for Global Engagement (CGE).

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MISSION

The mission of SITA is to assist ITAs during the first semester of teaching through an eleven-week intensive training. Topics include:

- Mastery of communication and presentation skills
- Understanding American university classrooms
- Effective instructional strategies

PANEL REVIEW

Each student must pass a panel review prior to being appointed as a teaching assistant. The Panel Review consists of a “mini” lesson presentation. Candidates who demonstrate spoken English proficiency and the ability to present his or her topic in a clear and organized fashion are judged ready for a teaching assignment.

REGISTRATION

International students admitted to a graduate program at FAU are eligible to register for SITA. A SITA waiver can be granted if a student meets the CGE criteria. The SITA registration form or SITA Waiver Request form, including supporting documents, must be completed and submitted by the posted deadline. For more information and to register, visit: www.fau.edu/isss/internationalassistants.php.