



ACADEMIC LITERACY TAG / TALL 2024

TAG / TALL dates for 2024

07 to 14 February 2024

Potchefstroom Campus ONLY

It is of utmost importance that you make use of this TAG/TALL opportunity if you are a registered student on the Potchefstroom campus. You will be added to an eFundi site (online) on which you will have access to the TAG/TALL. Note that you can access TAG/TALL anytime between 07 and 14 February 2024 on eFundi, but that you have a single opportunity to complete this placement test.

04 to 13 March 2024

This is for all students registered on the Mahikeng and Vanderbijlpark campuses, as well as Potchefstroom students who did not write during the 07 to 14 February 2024 session.

During this session, the online test will be part of your ALDE/A 111 lesson for week 4 (starting 04 March 2024). Information regarding TAG/TALL will also be shared via your eFundi site and in class.

ALL new NWU students MUST register for both ALDE 111 and ALDE 122 (or ALDA 111 and ALDA 122 if you want to complete the module(s) in Afrikaans).

WHAT IS TAG/TALL

The Inter-Institutional Centre for Language Development and Assessment (ICELDA), in partnership with the NWU, is responsible for the development and distribution of the TAG/TALL tests. ICELDA and the tests they develop have an excellent reputation and are of very high standing in the academic community. Because of this, there are very strict rules that govern the circumstances of test-taking. Please, take note of these strict conditions of the test. The test as well as the modules in Academic Literacy are offered in the interest of our students. The skills addressed in the test and the modules are crucial to a student's academic success and future career.

TAG/TALL therefore describes a mandatory academic literacy proficiency test. The abbreviations refer to:

- **TALL** – *Test of Academic Literacy Levels* – refers to an academic literacy proficiency test that is compulsory for all new NWU students who choose to complete the English Academic Literacy module(s) (ALDE).
- **TAG** - *Toets van Akademiese Geletterdheidsvlakke* – verwys na 'n vaardigheidstoets wat deur alle NUWE NWU studente, wat kies om die Akademiese Geletterdheidsmodule(s) in Afrikaans te voltooi, geskryf moet word.

The results of this test will determine if you need additional support to be a successful student or not. Depending on the faculty you are registered in, the test could serve to exempt a student from ALDE 111 (or

ALDA 111). The results of the test will be communicated via eFundi as soon as possible after the final submission date.

You only have a **SINGLE** opportunity to write the test during your academic career at the NWU. Thus, you may not report again in subsequent years to be assessed. If you miss both opportunities at the beginning of the year you will be required to take ALDA/E 111 in the first semester and ALDA/E 122 in the second semester.

As mentioned above all Potchefstroom students should write TAG/TALL between 07 and 14 February 2024. However, ALL NWU students who have yet to complete TAG/TALL will have the opportunity to do so from 04 March 2024 at 08:00 until 13 March 2024 at 17:00 on their ALDE 111 (ALDA 111) eFundi site.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I HAVE COMPLETED TAG/TALL

After completing TAG/TALL, depending on the faculty in which you are registered, the test could serve to exempt you from ALDE/A 111.

FACULTY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALDE/A 111

Regardless of your proficiency test score, ALDE/ALDA 111 is **compulsory** for **ALL** students in the **Faculty of Law** and **MOST** students in the **Faculty of Natural Sciences**, as it forms part of their curriculum. Students enrolled in the following programmes within the Faculty of Natural Sciences are not required to complete ALDE/ALDA 111 if they obtain a score indicating 'not at risk' for the proficiency test:

- Quantitative Risk Management (2FT H01 N301P and N301V)
- Financial Mathematics (2FR H01 N301P and N301V)
- Data Mining (2FS G01 N301P and N301V)
- Actuarial Sciences (2FQ H01 N301P)
- Information Technology (2DX H01 N302P and N302V)
- Urban and Regional Planning (2FE K01 N401P)

These exceptions are valid only for students who received a code four or five in the TAG/TALL test and received recognition for ALDA/E 111 on those grounds.

Take note: Since 2018, all first years in the Faculty of Law take ALDA/E 111 as a compulsory component of their curriculum (regardless of achievement in the test).

Take note: Starting in 2019, engineering students who pass the TAG/TALL test (that is, obtain a code four or five) will be required to register for ALDE 112 at the POTCHEFSTROOM CAMPUS. If these students obtain codes one through three, they must register for ALDE 111 in the first semester and for ALDE 122 in the second semester.

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