

American English Institute

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AEI – An Overview

Intensive English Program (IEP)

Non-Credit & Pre-Academic, Conditional Admission, Personal Growth, Study Abroad

Academic English for International Students (AEIS)

Credit bearing classes for UO undergrad students Global Bridge with Global Affairs and First Year Programs





Academic English for International Graduate Students (GRST)

Credit bearing classes
for UO graduate students
TOEFL waivers, required for some,
optional for others

Innovative Programming (formerly e-Learning)

Professional Services,
Hybrid/Online, Teacher Training,
Curriculum Design
Custom Programs









An inclusive hub of diversity

- National Diversity
- Linguistic Diversity
- Cultural Diversity
- Economic Diversity
- Varying Abilities
- Various modes of program delivery



Intensive English Program Overview

- Full-term program: 10 weeks
 - Fall, winter, spring, summer
- Short-term program: 4 weeks
 - First four weeks of a term or last four weeks of a term.
- Curriculum:
 - 6 hours Reading/Writing
 - 6 hours Speaking/Listening
 - 6 hours Grammar
 - 2+ hours electives



Academic English

- Each course is 10 weeks and 4-credits
- UO tuition and fees
- AEIS counts as elective credit towards a bachelor's degree.



Undergraduate AEIS

- UO admitted students with TOEFL* scores of 61-87 take the Accuplacer test, aka "AEIS test" for placement.
- Students testing in the lowest classes take International First-Year Interest Group (iFIG)
 - iFIG is a 1-year cohort program combining academics and language support.

Note: Anyone with an 88+ TOEFL is exempt.



AEIS

- Sequence of UG courses –
- iFIGs series of 6 courses, connected by a content course and campus connections
- 101, 102 Oral Communication
- 107 Academic Reading
- 110, 111, 112 Academic Writing
- Pre-req for composition classes and business majors



Graduate AEIS

- Graduate students on a TOEFL* waiver
- Anyone required to by their department
- Graduate students with an interest
- Graduate students referred by their departments



GRST Courses Available

- GRST 621 Academic Discourse
- GRST 624 Teaching in US Univ Settings
 - May be required prior to teaching
- GRST 626 Professional Presentations
- GRST 631 Graduate & Scholarly Writing I
- GRST 632 Graduate & Scholarly Writing II
- GRST 610 Professional and Scholarly Texts
- GRST 610 US Teaching Culture & Communication
- GRST 610 Reading for Legal Studies
- GRST 610 Writing for Legal Studies



Innovative Programming Collaborations

- Khbrat Saudi educator's program (2019-2020)
 - AEI: English, English teacher training, cultural adaptation
 - COE: Content courses, internships at local schools
- Short-term programs
- Teacher training
- Writing grants for foreign nationals?
 - Targeted English language support
 - Culture adaptation workshops
 - Logistics support

