

# INTENSIVE ENGLISH PROGRAM (IEP)

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## IEP 0105 - Writing and Grammar: Beginner

1-4 Credits (Repeatable for credit)

This beginner-level course helps students build foundational grammar and writing skills by using the academic writing process to produce sentences and basic paragraphs of 100-200 words. Students study the highest-frequency grammatical items beginning with parts of speech, simple present and past verbs, and imperatives. Students learn strategies for noticing their grammar errors.

### Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students in the INTO Saint Louis University department.

## IEP 0125 - Reading and Vocabulary: Beginner

1-4 Credits (Repeatable for credit)

This course builds students' reading and vocabulary skills by developing strategies necessary for comprehending of beginner-level academic texts. Students develop a working vocabulary of high-frequency English words and learn to skim, scan, annotate, determine the topic, and identify main ideas.

### Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students in the INTO Saint Louis University department.

## IEP 0135 - Listening and Speaking: Beginner

1-4 Credits (Repeatable for credit)

This course builds students' speaking and listening skills by working on beginner-level listening comprehension, pronunciation, and conversation skills. Students learn high-frequency vocabulary to build a functional language repertoire that allows them to comprehend basic English words and phrases and to speak in simple phrases using common expressions. Students learn note-taking techniques to help them focus their listening and recall course content more accurately.

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## IEP 0205 - Writing and Grammar: High Beginner

1-4 Credits (Repeatable for credit)

This high beginner-level course improves students writing and grammar skills by using the academic writing process to produce sentences, paragraphs, and short essays of 250-500 words. Students learn about different types of academic writing tasks and begin using teacher-selected sources to support their ideas. Students build their fluency with high-frequency grammatical items like imperatives, simple present and past verbs, and past participles. Students develop awareness of their own grammar errors.

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## IEP 0225 - Reading and Vocabulary: High Beginner

1-4 Credits (Repeatable for credit)

This course develops students reading and vocabulary skills by focusing on strategies necessary for comprehending high beginner-level academic texts. Students build a working academic vocabulary and learn to skim, scan, determine the topic, identify main ideas and supporting details, annotate, and apply critical reading and thinking skills.

### Restrictions:

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## IEP 0235 - Listening and Speaking: High Beginner

1-4 Credits (Repeatable for credit)

This course improves students speaking and listening skills by working on high beginner-level listening comprehension, pronunciation, and discussion skills. Students apply high-frequency academic vocabulary to improve oral communication skills in a range of informal academic settings. Students build note-taking strategies that promote listening and recall in their language classes.

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## IEP 0305 - Writing and Grammar: Intermediate

1.5 Credits

This intermediate-level course emphasizes writing as a multi-step process that leads to the completion of thesis-driven academic essays of 750 words. Students practice writing in different modes and incorporating evidence from teacher-selected sources to support their thesis. This includes understanding the academic writing process and composing in various rhetorical modes. Students will be introduced to academic research, synthesizing materials from multiple sources, and proficiency in MLA format. This course aims to improve students' grammar level from the intermediate to the high-intermediate level of targeted grammar points. Students review high-frequency forms and learn strategies for coping with low-frequency items.

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## IEP 0315 - Exploring Cultures: Intermediate

1.5 Credits

This intermediate-level course explores American customs, culture, and history and prepares students to participate in American university-level courses. Course topics also serve as a theme used to develop language skills in other Level 3 courses. Students learn to think critically, communicate clearly in speech and writing, and listen and take notes during lectures.

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**IEP 0325 - Reading: Intermediate**

1.5 Credits

This intermediate-level course aims to improve students' application of reading and vocabulary strategies that aid in comprehension of intermediate to high-intermediate level texts. These skills include skimming, scanning, predicting content, identifying main ideas and supporting details, recognizing patterns of organization, annotating and note-taking, and applying critical reading and thinking skills.

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**IEP 0335 - Listening and Speaking: Intermediate**

1.5 Credits

This intermediate-level course improves students' academic speaking and listening skills by working on intermediate-level listening comprehension, pronunciation, discussion, and presentation skills. Students practice these skills using vocabulary and themes from other Level 3 courses. Students develop note-taking strategies that promote listening and recall in lecture- and discussion-based classes.

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**IEP 0405 - Writing and Grammar Level 4: High Intermediate**

1.5 Credits

This high intermediate-level course emphasizes writing as a multi-step process leading to the completion of thesis-driven academic essays of 1000 words. Paragraphs, summaries, and essays are written in response to readings and discussions. Students select and write in a genre that is appropriate to the task and incorporate evidence from sources to support their arguments. This course aims to improve students' level of grammar from the intermediate-high to the advanced-low level of targeted grammar points. Students review high-frequency forms and develop strategies for learning lower-frequency items. Students practice self-editing techniques, developing an awareness of their own grammar errors. Prerequisite: 2.50 semester GPA in Level 3 or equivalent.

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Enrollment limited to students in the INTO Saint Louis University department.

**IEP 0415 - People, Places, Connections: An Introduction to Human Geography**

1.5 Credits

This introduction to human geography course is for international students at a B1 proficiency as defined in CEFR, which describes one's ability at this level to "understand the main points of clear standard input" and "describe experiences and events, dreams, hopes and ambitions." Students will learn the basics of geographic inquiry, apply their skills to the study of a local place, and present their findings on a website they build for this course. By considering places and systems through a variety of stakeholders' perspectives, students will recognize the interdependence of people and places around the globe.

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**IEP 0425 - Reading: High Intermediate**

1.5 Credits

This high-intermediate course refines students' application of reading and vocabulary strategies that aid in comprehension of high-intermediate texts. These skills include identifying main ideas and supporting details, understanding text structures, making inferences and predictions, identifying and evaluating arguments, using context clues and figurative language, annotating and summarizing, and applying critical reading and thinking skills.

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**IEP 0435 - Listening & Speaking Level 4: High Intermediate**

1.5 Credits

This high intermediate-level course refines the skills and strategies students needed to deliver academic presentations and participate in university-level courses. Students learn techniques for organizing and delivering a variety of presentations using academic vocabulary and themes from other Level 4 courses and also develop note-taking strategies that promote active listening and recall in lecture- and discussion-based classes. Students listen to and speak about common Level 4 themes in informal classroom discussions. Students will also participate in a conversation partnership with domestic students, implementing self-guided strategies for improving their communication skills. Prerequisite: 2.50 semester GPA in Level 3 or equivalent.

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**IEP 0505 - Academic Writing and Editing Skills**

1.5 Credits

This class is for international students who need to develop their writing skills from B1+ to B2 proficiency as defined in CEFR, which describes one's ability at this level to "write an essay or report, passing on information or giving reasons in support of or against a particular point of view." With increasing self-reliance, students in this course will engage in the process of writing, write in various modes, practice the basics of secondary research, and develop their writing fluency. Students will also raise their awareness of their most frequent and problematic errors and improve their command of English grammar.

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**IEP 0515 - Intercultural Skills for University Success: Low Advanced**

1.5 Credits

This course equips international students with the knowledge and skills needed to navigate the complexities of intercultural communication in the United States. Students will develop their awareness of differences in communication styles through academic readings, case studies, and reflective exercises. Students will apply their learning in real-world interactions with people from other cultures in a variety of assignments that culminate in a final project demonstrating their intercultural communication skills.

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**IEP 0525 - Academic Reading and Study Skills**

1.5 Credits

This class is for international students who need to develop their reading skills from B1+ to B2 proficiency as defined in CEFR, which describes one's ability at this level to "read articles and reports concerned with contemporary problems in which the writers adopt particular attitudes or viewpoints." Students in this course will practice a variety of reading and vocabulary-building techniques when engaging with college-level content texts. Students will also exercise their critical-thinking skills to interpret implied meanings of texts and respond to what they read in written and oral forms.

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**IEP 0535 - Academic Presentations and Speaking Skills**

1.5 Credits

This class is for international students who need to develop their speaking skills from B1+ to B2 proficiency as defined in CEFR, which describes one's ability at this level to "take an active part in discussion in familiar contexts, accounting for and sustaining [one's] views." Students in this course will practice speaking skills in a variety of contexts, including participating in group discussions, and interacting one-on-one. Students will also exercise their ability to follow extended lectures and respond appropriately with questions or comments.

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**IEP 0545 - Essential Skills for University Success: Low Advanced**

1 Credit

This course is designed to empower international students with effective study strategies to excel in the U.S. academic environment. Students will learn time management, note-taking, critical thinking, and exam preparation techniques useful within the American higher education system. Students will engage in practical exercises and receive individualized feedback as they develop skills essential to navigating the diverse learning styles and expectations in an American university.

**IEP 1930 - Special Topics**

1-3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)

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