



## INDIANA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS AT IUPUI

# ENGLISH for ACADEMIC PURPOSES (EAP)

*Academic language instruction for success in university classes*

### WHAT IS EAP?

EAP is short for English for Academic Purposes. An EAP program is an English language study program designed for students who are non-native speakers of English. University EAP programs serve students who have already been admitted to a university but still need to work on their academic language skills. University-level language expectations can be difficult even for native speakers of English, so it is not unusual for non-native speakers of English to take EAP courses during their first semester or year of school.

In a university EAP program, students usually only take one or two EAP classes at a time. Along with their EAP classes, most students also take classes toward their major or for other academic requirements. The EAP courses prepare them for their other classes by teaching them how to read, write, discuss, present, and participate in a university class. One advantage of this type of program is that students can immediately practice in their other classes what they learn in the EAP classroom. Most EAP programs have small classes so students can receive individual attention from their teachers. While the main emphasis of university EAP courses is academic reading and writing skills, advanced grammar, listening, and speaking are also taught. Just like other university classes, EAP courses usually meet for three or four hours each week and have challenging class and homework assignments.

### WHY TAKE EAP?

High-intermediate and advanced academic English courses are offered to students entering the university in degree programs and to non-degree students who are interested in studying English. The EAP courses are also open to IUPUI international staff and faculty.

The EAP Program, a part of the English Department in the IU School of Liberal Arts at IUPUI, is designed to provide the support students need to succeed at an internationally recognized university. Class sizes are controlled to allow maximum student-teacher contact and interaction. Taught by a professional staff, courses offer

instruction in the academic English skills needed by both graduate and undergraduate students. In addition to modern classrooms and computer labs, IUPUI language facilities include a

multimedia language laboratory for classes and independent practice in listening, speaking, and pronunciation. A writing center is available with staff trained to help EAP students with individual writing projects.

### GENERAL ACADEMIC LANGUAGE SKILLS

The goal of the EAP Program is to help students gain the academic English language skills they need to be successful in university classes. While academic success depends on much more than just language ability, the language foundation received from the EAP courses is a major step towards achieving academic goals. The academic language skills we focus on include the ability to:

- Express ideas in speaking and writing
- Speak more accurately and fluently
- Understand lectures and informal speech
- Read efficiently and quickly
- Understand and appropriately use common grammatical structures
- Understand unadapted academic and challenging nonacademic material
- Develop an appropriate working vocabulary
- Develop independence as a reader and a writer

### ADMISSIONS

To enroll in EAP courses, an individual must be first admitted to IUPUI as either a degree or non-degree student. For information contact:

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### EAP PLACEMENT TEST

Many IUPUI students whose native language is not English are required to take the EAP Placement Test. See the EAP Program website for details.

[eap.iupui.edu](mailto:eap.iupui.edu)

### INTERNATIONAL TEACHING ASSISTANTS

All non-native speakers of English who plan to hold a teaching or tutoring position involving direct student contact are required to get a passing score on the SPEAK Test. See the EAP Program Office for information.

### IUPUI

Students at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) are part of an academic community internationally known for the excellence and variety of its programs. IUPUI, a landmark in the capital city of Indianapolis, combines the best of Indiana's two major universities: Indiana University and Purdue University. Drawing from the academic excellence and prestige of both universities, IUPUI offers more than 250 degree programs. From certificate and associate degrees through doctoral studies, the list of programs at IUPUI is one of the most comprehensive of any university in America's heartland.

### INDIANAPOLIS

With a population of 1.4 million, Indianapolis is one of the nation's fastest growing metropolitan areas. The city offers a variety of social and cultural activities. IUPUI is located in downtown Indianapolis within walking distance of world class theatre, a symphony, a zoo, botanical gardens, a variety of museums, major sports venues, art galleries, shopping and restaurants. Indianapolis' world-class Art Museum and Children's Museum are only a short drive away. The amateur sports capital of the world, Indianapolis is also the home to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and several professional sports teams. The climate is continental, with warm summers and moderately cold winters. Fun, clean, and affordable, Indianapolis is a great place to live, work and go to school.

### CONTACT US

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## EAP COURSES

### Basic Skills

ENG G009 Intermediate Aural/Oral Skills for ESL Students

Introduces basic skills for listening and speaking in English. Taken concurrently with ENG G010. (2 credits)

ENG G010 ESL for Academic Purposes I

Introduces and reviews English grammatical structures, reading strategies and vocabulary development; focuses on functional language use. Taken concurrently with ENG G009. (4 credits)

ENG G011 ESL for Academic Purposes II

Provides advanced study of grammatical structures and reading strategies. (4 credits)

ENG G012 Listening and Speaking for Academic Purposes II

Focuses on listening and speaking skills needed in an academic environment. (3 credits)

ENG G015 Pronunciation Skills

Focuses on American English pronunciation skills with active learner involvement. (1 credit)

### Writing Courses

ENG W130 (EAP) Principles of Composition

Practice in writing papers for a variety of purposes and audiences, with attention to reading/writing connections. Pre-requisite of W131. A grade of C or higher is required to enroll in W 131. (3 credits)

ENG W131 (EAP) Elementary Composition I

Provides instruction in academic writing. Fulfills part of the communications core requirement for all undergraduate students. Placement or a grade of C or higher in W130 are required to enroll. (3 credits)

### Courses for Graduate Students

ENG G013 Reading and Writing for Academic Purposes

Focuses on the writing of research papers and professional documents. (3 credits)

ENG G020 Communication Skills for Graduate Students and International Teaching Assistants (ITAs)

Provides instruction in basic teaching strategies as well as oral language skills necessary to present academic materials. (3 credits)

### Legal English

ENG G411 Legal English I

An integrated language skills course focusing on (1) grammatical structures, reading strategies, and writing structures required to understand legal texts and material; and (2) listening and speaking skills needed for the law school classroom. (3 credits)

ENG G412 Legal English II

An integrated language skills course that focuses primarily on the advanced study of academic legal writing, including editing skills. (3 credits)

### OTHER EAP ASSISTANCE AT IUPUI

#### ICIC

The Indiana Center for Intercultural Communication (ICIC) is part of the English Department in the School of Liberal Arts. It provides training, tutoring, and non-credit classes focusing on English for Specific Purposes. [liberalarts.iupui.edu/icic](http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/icic)

#### ELS Language Centers

ELS is a private, for-profit program that is housed on the IUPUI campus. It offers full-time and part-time, year-round intensive EAP classes for students at beginning through advanced levels. [www.els.com](http://www.els.com)