

The Intensive English Program (IEP)

AUA's English Department tests the English proficiency of all applicants. 1) Those whose English is found to be of a sufficient academic level, are reported to the Admissions Committee as being ready for the three academic programs: Engineering, Business and Political Science. 2) Those who have an English proficiency level that can be raised to a graduate academic level through a 10 week course are asked to participate in the IEP: their grades in that course being given to the Admissions Committee. 3) Those having insufficient English are asked to acquire further English instruction as they wish and to reapply.

The English Proficiency Test (EPT) will consist of four sections:

- 1) An oral interview
- 2) A reading test
- 3) A listening test
- 4) An essay

The determination of a student's English level will be made by the skilled professionals of the department using the combined scores of these four tests.

The proficiency level required may differ according to the academic program the applicant plans to pursue.

The IEP has three components; all components are content based so that they are specific to the applicants' academic program: Engineering, Business, or Political Science.

I. The lecture: This is a core of each section. There will be a normal (three-hour-per-week lecture course providing the academic content of the student's program.

II. Adjunct courses: These are small group (10-15 persons) English classes of 6-12 hours-per-week. The material of the lecture courses is explained, developed and discussed. All participants are also expected to do extensive homework assignments and to view at least 3-5 hours of pertinent video material.

III. Oral skills classes: These are even smaller classes (6-10 persons) that develop oral skills through various group and individual activities (2-4 hours). The group has the responsibility for a final performance (which may be public). The combined grades for these courses will be reported to the Admissions Committee.