

# ACADEMIC ENGLISH PROGRAM (AEP)

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## **AEP 0100 - Writing and Grammar Level 1: Beginner**

**Credit(s): 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. Proficiency level: beginner. Offered fall, spring and summer.

## **AEP 0120 - Reading and Vocabulary Level 1: Beginner**

**Credit(s): 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. Proficiency level: beginner. Offered fall, spring and summer.

## **AEP 0130 - Listening and Speaking Level 1: Beginner**

**Credit(s): 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. Proficiency level: beginner. Offered fall, spring and summer.

## **AEP 0200 - Writing and Grammar Level 2: High Beginner**

**Credit(s): 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. Proficiency level: high beginner.

## **AEP 0220 - Reading and Vocabulary Level 2: High Beginner**

**Credit(s): 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. Proficiency level: high beginner.

## **AEP 0230 - Listening and Speaking Level 2: High Beginner**

**Credit(s): 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. Proficiency level: high beginner.

## **AEP 0250 - English through Service Level 2: High Beginner**

**Credit(s): 1 Credit** (Repeatable for credit)

This course engages international students in service learning as part of the mission of Saint Louis University and fosters a consciousness social justice. Students participate in organized service activities and discuss and reflect upon their experiences in class. Proficiency level: high beginner.

## **AEP 0300 - Writing and Grammar Level 3: Intermediate**

**Credit(s): 4 Credits** (Repeatable for credit)

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 various sources, and proficiency in MLA format. This course aims to improve students' level of grammar 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.

## **AEP 0310 - Exploring Cultures Level 3: Intermediate**

**Credit(s): 3 Credits** (Repeatable for credit)

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.

## **AEP 0320 - Listening and Speaking Level 3: Intermediate**

**Credit(s): 3 Credits** (Repeatable for credit)

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.

## **AEP 0330 - Listening and Speaking Level 3**

**Credit(s): 4 Credits** (Repeatable for credit)

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.

## **AEP 0350 - English through Service Level 3: Intermediate**

**Credit(s): 1 Credit** (Repeatable for credit)

This intermediate-level course engages international students in service learning as part of the mission of Saint Louis University and fosters a consciousness of social justice. Students participate in a minimum of 15 hours of organized service activities and discuss and reflect upon their experiences in class.