ACADEMIC ENGLISH PROGRAM (AEP)

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 of social justice. Students participate in organized service activities and discuss and reflect upon their experiences in class. Proficiency level: high beginner.