

ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES

At Salve Regina University, English as a second language is offered through the English for Academic Purposes (EAP) program, which is designed for degree seeking students who have TOEFL scores of 500-550 (paper-based test), 173-213 (computer-based test), or 61-80 (Internet-based test). The purpose of the EAP program is to provide the language and cultural support necessary for success in academic and student life. Small class sizes and a committed faculty help create a friendly environment that promotes active learning. The EAP program emphasizes participation in social, cultural and educational events and involvement with the campus community, which helps to ease the transition into American culture.

As part of the Academic Center for Excellence, the EAP program is dedicated to providing language tutoring and resources that address the specific needs of students who are non-native speakers of English. Experienced and supportive tutors are available for both occasional and regularly scheduled academic assistance.

Core Curriculum Language Requirements

All Salve Regina University students are required to complete course work in English and in a foreign language. International students fulfill the language requirements in the core by demonstrating competency in English through a combination of English and English for Academic Purposes (EAP) courses. All international students are required to complete EAP-103 Academic Communication Skills and EAP-104 Advanced Communication Skills, or EAP-111 Academic Research and Writing and EAP-112 Academic Writing in Disciplines. All students, including those holding an International Baccalaureate, will be required to take the core and core English literature course. EAP courses do not fulfill the English literature core curriculum requirement.

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EAP-103: Academic Communication Skills (3 Credits)

The focus of this course is to strengthen students' English language skills, primarily in listening and speaking in academic settings; however, reading and writing skills will also be integrated into the course. The goal is to increase fluency in English in order to be successful in academic studies and social interactions. Students will also enhance their study skills, cross-cultural awareness and conversation skills by completing various in-class activities and homework assignments. This course is open to undergraduate students who are non-native speakers of English. TOEFL score between 500 and 550 (paper-based test), 173-213 (computer-based test), and 61-80 (Internet-based test).

Fulfills Core Requirement in Foreign Languages for EAP students.

EAP-104: Advanced Communication Skills (3 Credits)

Pre-requisite(s): EAP-103 or permission of instructor is required. The focus of this course is to strengthen students' oral communication skills in English that are essential to academic success in higher education. Students will increase fluency by preparing for and participating in academic and cultural discussions, completing listening/speaking projects, and by reflecting on ways to increase intercultural communication. Students will also enhance their study skills, cross-cultural awareness and conversation skills by completing assignments. This course is open to undergraduate students who are non-native speakers of English.

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EAP-111: Academic Research and Writing (3 Credits)

This course will focus on strategies for academic research and varieties of expository writing for different audiences and situations. Students will improve their proficiency in the English language by developing effective styles of writing paragraphs and essays, culminating in a final research project. They will also expand their understanding of grammatical structures and academic vocabulary. Weekly individual work with a tutor in the EAP program or at the Writing Center is required.

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EAP-112: Academic Writing in Disciplines (3 Credits)

Pre-requisite(s): EAP-111 or permission of instructor is required. This course will focus on strategies for research, reading, and writing in various academic disciplines. Students will improve their proficiency in the English language by developing effective styles of writing essays, analyzing texts, and using appropriate forms of MLA/APA citations. They will also expand their understanding of grammatical structures and academic vocabulary. Weekly individualized work with a tutor in the EAP program or at the Writing Center is required.

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