

KU's Applied English Center Intensive English Program

If you are an international or domestic undergraduate applicant whose native language is not English, and if you have not provided evidence of English proficiency according to the criteria above, you will be tested after you arrive on campus by the Applied English Center. Depending on your test scores, you may be placed in Intensive English classes. The AEC's Intensive English Program (IEP) has 6 levels of instruction, from Basic to level 5, Advanced. The following chart provides an *estimate* of how much additional English preparation you may need before beginning degree program coursework, depending on the level at which you start, and how quickly you progress.

Please note: If you attend IEP courses full-time, you will finish the program faster; however, beginning at level 4 you will be allowed to take KU classes as well as your Intensive English classes, and most students take advantage of this. At level 5 you must take additional KU courses in order to remain full-time. In addition, IEP classes at these levels are credit-bearing. The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the School of Architecture, and the School of Business will accept up to 9 AEC credits.

The diagram below is based on students progressing one level per semester. It is possible that you may progress faster in one skill than another. It is also possible in certain circumstances to skip a level; when you arrive on campus, please speak with a Cross-Cultural Advisor in the AEC office for further explanation.

LEVEL (as determined by results on AEC placement test)		APPROXIMATE TIME IN INTENSIVE ENGLISH PROGRAM (IEP) COURSES (f/t = full-time; p/t = part-time)					
Level	Typical scores *	Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3	Semester 4	Semester 5	Semester 6
5	iBT: 71-78 IELTS: 6.0	IEP p/t; KU p/t					
4	iBT: 60-70 IELTS: 6.0	IEP f/t or p/t	IEP p/t; KU p/t				
3	iBT: 50-59 IELTS: 5.5	IEP f/t	IEP f/t or p/t	IEP p/t; KU p/t			
2	iBT: 40-49 IELTS: 5.0-5.5	IEP f/t	IEP f/t	IEP f/t or p/t	IEP p/t; KU p/t		
1	iBT: 30-39 IELTS: 4.0 – 4.5	IEP f/t	IEP f/t	IEP f/t	IEP f/t or p/t	IEP p/t; KU p/t	
Basic	iBT: <30 IELTS: <4.0	IEP f/t	IEP f/t	IEP f/t	IEP f/t	IEP f/t or p/t	IEP p/t; KU p/t

*Please note: TOEFL iBT and IELTS scores do not always exactly predict level. Level is determined by the placement test.

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