

English for Academic Purposes

What is the English for Academic Purposes (EAP) program?

The EAP program provides language and cultural support for degree-seeking students who are non-native speakers of English. This program is designed for students having TOEFL scores of 61-80 (iBT) to help them improve their academic English skills in reading, writing, listening, and speaking. The EAP program is a two-semester program in which students take two EAP courses each semester in conjunction with other undergraduate courses.

What are the benefits of taking EAP courses?

In EAP courses students learn more than a mere knowledge of facts about the English language. Students have many opportunities to use the target English skills in authentic contexts to develop fluency. Students complete projects to gain a deep understanding of American culture as well as to foster their cross-cultural awareness and critical thinking skills. As students successfully complete each EAP learning activity, students increasingly become independent learners who can succeed far beyond this program.

How do the EAP credits function towards graduation?

EAP courses are credit-bearing (3 credits each). Upon the successful completion of the EAP program, students will earn a total of twelve credits. The six credits would satisfy the foreign language requirement that is part of the Core Curriculum at Salve Regina University, and the other six credits can be used towards general electives. With careful planning, taking EAP courses in the first two semesters generally does not delay graduation.

I chose Salve Regina University for a few reasons: a liberal arts education and a beautiful campus. Living in this campus allows you to be relaxed from the stress of hard work. However, it is the EAP program that helped me thrive. Without the EAP program, I would not have been successful because my English was relatively low. Through the EAP courses, I could learn to read, write, speak and listen in English while interacting with my college professors and peers. If you are anxious about your English language skills, don't worry. You can acquire great skills with the EAP program if you work hard!

- Shinji Katsumoto, Japan Sociology and Anthropology





Supporting Program for EAP Students

The EAP program provides weekly scheduled individual tutoring sessions as part of the EAP course work. Various workshops, such as cross-cultural awareness development, expanding academic English vocabulary, and grammar review, are also offered. In addition, individual tutoring in academic writing and in most subjects are available upon request.

"When I first came to the United States of America, I was slightly scared about my future classes. However, EAP classes have helped me so much with my adjustment process at Salve Regina University. EAP program familiarized me with academic expectations in the United States. EAP program has given me an opportunity to learn academic writing style and also academic communication skills that are very important in making American friends and establishing good relationships with my professors. EAP program is very helpful for me."

Viktor Mikulin from Ukraine, Business Administration, Class of 2018

Sample Plan of Study

(Financial Management Major)

Student will complete 15-16 credits each semester in their remaining years. With carefuly planning, taking EAP courses in the first year generally does not delay graduation.

Fall Semester

- 1. EAP-111: EAP Writing (3 credits)
- 2. EAP-103: EAP Communication (3 credits)
- 3. ACC-101: Financial Accounting (4 credits)
- 4. ECN-101: Introductory Macroeconomics (3 credits)
- 5. FYT-100: First Year Transition (2 credits)

Total Credit: 14 credits

Spring Semester

- 1. EAP-112: EAP Advanced Writing (3 credits)
- 2. EAP-104: EAP Advanced Communication (3 credits)
- 3. ACC-104: Managerial Accounting (4 credits)
- 4. MGT-120: Management and Orgnization Behavior (3 credits)

Total Credit: 13 credits

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