

GENERAL INFORMATION GUIDE FOR SOUTH AFRICAN AND INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

English for Academic Purposes 2019

Introduction

Welcome to the English for Academic Purposes (EAP) Programme. Our courses are aimed at local, as well as international students who do not speak English as a first language, but who are required to do an extensive amount of writing, reading and speaking in English for their academic courses.

Students who want to improve their vocabulary and public speaking skills, who find reading with comprehension challenging, or who find it difficult to write essays and assignments in an academic way, will find the courses useful.

Pre-requisite

All South African students, currently registered as students at the university, are welcome.

International students must have completed a Pre-academic level of general English [C1/ Advanced and C2/ Upper advanced users according to the Common European Framework of References (CEFR)].

Aim

The focus throughout the courses is on the expansion of general vocabulary, as well as on the appropriate academic use of language. A system of continuous assessment is used to monitor progress.

Course outcomes

By the end of this course you should demonstrate that you

- can communicate effectively by using language skills in a variety of ways;
- can apply a ready knowledge of contextual language structure both meaningfully and effectively;
- can work effectively in a group in preparation for future cooperation in the broader community;
- can use critical and creative thinking to identify and solve problems and for decision making;
- can gather, analyse and organise information and evaluate it critically and
- are culturally and aesthetically sensitive to different social contexts.

The EAP Programme consists of two courses. You can register for both or for one course module only.

Course 1: EAP Speaking & Language 60410 114 & 144 [6 South African (SA) credits/ 3 European Credit Transfer and accumulation System (ECTS)]

Duration: semester course; 2 hours of class per week.

The course focuses on speaking and vocabulary in a general and academic context. Language issues are highlighted in context.

Specific outcomes

Language skills

By the end of this module you should be able to demonstrate that you

- are able to use vocabulary and grammar of the language more effectively to create and interpret texts;
- have expanded and developed your general and academic vocabulary and

Speaking skills

You should demonstrate that you

- can use suitable and formal language with ease, taking into consideration the language structure, language conventions and vocabulary of the target language.
- can present a subject by paying attention to the introduction, logical coherence between facts and a suitable conclusion
- can present a subject with the aid of linear notes, a mind map or power point slides;
- can present an academic poster or research results and describe and discuss graphs.

Listening skills

By the end of this module you should be able to demonstrate that you

- understand the importance of listening skills in the communication process;
- can apply effective listening habits and
- have improved your listening techniques.

Course 2: EAP Reading & Writing 60410 124 & 154 [6 South African (SA) credits/ 3 European Credit Transfer and accumulation System (ECTS)]

Duration: semester course; 2 hours of class per week.

The course focuses on reading and writing in an academic context, but language problems are highlighted when needed.

Specific outcomes

Reading skills

During the course, you should demonstrate that you have mastered the following:

- scanning and skimming;
- thoughtful reading (analytical reading);
- recognise topic sentences (main ideas) and supporting sentences;
- distinguish the function of discourse markers in a text and
- read and understand scientific and technical literature.

Listening skills

By the end of this theme you should be able to demonstrate that you

- understand the importance of listening skills in the communication process;
- can apply effective listening.

Writing skills

You need to master the following skills in your assignments, presentations, notes and examination answers:

- use of topic sentences and support sentences;
- effective use of discourse markers;
- use of relevant referencing method, e.g. Harvard;
- editing and rewriting academic texts and
- understanding of the cohesion between text and graphics.

Course schedule

EAP courses run per semester with 2 hours class per week on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Course name	Class time	Next course starts
EAP: Speaking & Language (6 SA credits/ 3 ECTS) 60410 114 (1 st semester)	Thursdays 14h00-15h50	Thursday, 14 February 2018 Venue: VdSterr 1031 (Entrance 3)
EAP: Reading & Writing (6 SA credits/ 3 ECTS) 60410 124 (1 st semester)	Wednesdays 14h00-15h50	Wednesday, 13 February 2018 Venue: GG Cillie 4005

Course fee

The cost of each course is R2 554.20.

University admission for foreign students

Table: The English language requirements for admission to Stellenbosch University.

English Language Requirements								
	CEF Level	Cambridge ESOL	IELTS Band	TOEFL iBT	TOEFL CBT	BULATS	PTE General	PTE Academic
Maximum Possible score			9	120	300		100	
No language tuition required	C2 Proficient	CPE	8 – 9	96 - 110	243 - 270	90 - 100	Level 5	85+
Support Language tuition may be required** (EAP)	C1	CAE	6.5 - 7.5	79 – 95	213- 240	75 - 89	Level 4	76 - 84
Language Tuition is required (IEP)	B2/ C1	FCE / CAE	Lower than 6.5	Lower than 79	Lower than 213	Lower than 75	Lower than level 4	Lower than 76

**EAP is recommended to students with an IELTS score of 6.5 – 7.5 to be taken concurrently with postgraduate studies at Stellenbosch University.

The minimum English language proficiency requirements for acceptance to University courses are:

- 6.5 IELTS band (minimum 6 at all bands)
- 550 TOEFL paper based/ 79 TOEFL iBT/ 213 TOEFL CBT

Language proficiency test for foreign students

Students who should take the proficiency test are:

- those who have an IELTS score of LESS than 6.5.
- those who are unable to submit IELTS or TOEFL results dated within two years prior to application.
- those referred by the Postgraduate and International Office (PGIO) and/ or academic departments. The PGIO and/ or academic departments reserve the right to refer a student for language testing at the Language Centre if there is any doubt about their English language proficiency.

Your language proficiency test can be taken at the Language Centre. The cost of the test is R400. Contact deena@sun.ac.za to book your test date or for course related queries.