-CORE COURSES-

READING/WRITING

Meets 10 hours a week.

In reading/writing classes, students learn to read and write more effectively. Classwork will help students increase their reading speed and their understanding of what they read. Students will practice techniques such as scanning, skimming, finding the main ideas, and making inferences. Students will practice writing good sentences, paragraphs, and essays; in addition, they will learn ways to plan, organize, revise, and edit their writing. In advanced levels, students will practice research writing and word processing. Vocabulary skills will also be taught. Practice is essential for improving reading and writing competence, so homework will usually be given daily.

GRAMMAR

Meets 5 hours a week.

In grammar classes, students will practice the major structures of English. In addition to studying grammatical rules, students will focus on exercises to help them learn to use the structures correctly in their speech and writing. In the advanced levels, students will also practice editing their written work. Students will receive homework daily to practice the material that they study in class. Frequent quizzes will be given.

LISTENING/SPEAKING

Meets 8 hours a week.

In listening/speaking classes, students will work on both listening comprehension and speaking skills. In the lower levels, students will focus on using general English in everyday situations. In the upper levels, the emphasis will be on activities to help students function in a university class. All levels will work on academic functional language in the form of presentations and discussion as well as pronunciation and conversational strategies in U.S. culture. All students will meet four hours per week with Language Assistants to practice the language they learn in the classroom.

-EXTRA ELECTIVES COURSE-

IELTS PREPARATION COURSE

Meets 5 hours a week.

[FOR STUDENTS WITH HIGH-INTERMEDIATE OR HIGHER READING AND WRITING SKILLS]

The purpose of this class is to enable students to become familiar with the design of the IELTS (International English Language Testing System). The course will identify language points that are most commonly tested in the academic track of the exam: the Listening, Academic Reading, Academic Writing, and Speaking sections of the test. Exercises will be similar in format to those on the IELTS and practice tests will be given periodically. Please note that all ELI classes help prepare students for the IELTS exam, whether or not it seems as if you are preparing for the test.
PRONUNCIATION
Meets 5 hours a week

[FOR STUDENTS WITH LOW-INTERMEDIATE OR HIGHER LISTENING AND SPEAKING SKILLS]
This course is designed to help students learn to understand and use American English patterns of pronunciation. In addition to participating in class activities, it is important for students to spend some time practicing at home. Students will record practice exercises at home.