Intensive Language and Culture

Mission

The Intensive Language and Culture Program (ILC) is an academically-oriented language and culture program that prepares students for engagement in the classroom, on the campus, and across the community. In the ILC, nonnative speakers of English can develop language skills for study in an English-medium university such as UAH. With a rigorous curriculum and strict attendance requirements, the program supports students as they progress in their acquisition of academic/professional English.

Overview

The ILC includes 18-20 hours of classroom instruction per week. Students develop their skills in both oral and written academic English. Instruction adheres to principles of communicative language teaching.

Students are instructed in the four component skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Additional work in pragmatics, grammar and pronunciation supports progress in both accuracy and fluency, with special attention paid to interaction in a U.S. university context.

The Intensive Language and Culture Program (ILC) serves the needs of non-native speakers of English at UAH. Students in Levels 010-040 (High Beginning - High Intermediate) prepare for study at English-medium universities, such as UAH. Students in Level 050 (Advanced) polish their language skills and transition into undergraduate, graduate, or non-degree programs at UAH.

Additional Information

ILC Program information is also available on the program website (http://www.uah.edu/ilcp/). If you are interested in applying to the ILC or receiving additional information, please email the director of the ILC at ilc@uah.edu.

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http://www.uah.edu/ilcp (http://www.uah.edu/ilcp/)

To be considered for admission to the ILC program, you must complete the following four steps:

1. Submit your TOEFL or IELTS scores

   You must achieve the following minimum score to be considered for admission:

   • TOEFL (iBT): Overall of at least 50 with no sub-score below 12
   OR

   • IELTS: Overall of at least 4.0 with no sub-score below 3.5

If you do not have a TOEFL or an IELTS score, you may request a pre-assessment to be considered for admission to the ILC. You will then be formally assessed upon arrival at UAH and, if admitted, placed in the appropriate classes in the ILC program.

2. Submit your transcripts

   Whether applying for the ILC or a degree program, nonnative speakers of English must submit certified, translated copies of their high school and/or college transcripts.

3. Submit any supporting financial documentation (if applicable)

   International students who are on student visas (F1 status) must also complete and submit the UAH Affidavit of Financial Support (https://www.uah.edu/images/colleges/graduate-studies/forms/ilc_affidavit_of_financial_support_2019-2020.pdf).

4. Submit a completed application

   To apply online, follow these steps:

   • Go to UAH's Charger Status page and create an account
   • Once your account is created, complete your application
     • Select the Intensive English Program Application
ILC 010 - INT LANG & CULT I
Semester Hours: 4-20
Course designed to improve nonnative speaker's ability in their overall language proficiency at the high beginning level.

ILC 020 - INT LANG & CULT II
Semester Hours: 4-20
Course designed to improve nonnative speaker's ability in their overall language proficiency at the low intermediate level.

ILC 030 - INT LANG & CULT III
Semester Hours: 4-20
Course designed to improve nonnative speaker's ability in their overall language proficiency at the intermediate level.

ILC 040 - INT LANG & CULT IV
Semester Hours: 4-20
Course designed to improve nonnative speaker's ability in their overall language proficiency at the high intermediate level.

ILC 050 - INT LANG & CULT V
Semester Hours: 4-20
Course designed to improve nonnative speaker's ability in their overall language proficiency at the advanced level.

ILC 090 - ILC: SPECIAL TOPICS
Semester Hours: 1-3