

University English Program

September 2009 – May 2010



Program details

Course design

UEP is a 4-level English program designed for students who want to continue improving their academic English either for their studies or to prepare for standardized tests such as IELTS, TOEFL, GRE or GMAT. Students need to take our free online placement test to determine their level before the first class.

Schedule and payment

Classes are offered on Saturday mornings throughout the academic year. In terms of payment, students do not need to pay or commit to one year of study at the beginning of the year. Instead, we divide the academic year into four 8-week sessions so that students can join the program at the beginning of any of the four sessions. Students who decide to continue can take advantage of the returning student discount.

In class

The teaching method is communicative rather than lecture style. In class, students are expected to ask and answer questions and discuss their ideas with their classmates and with the teacher. Classes are taught in English and all materials are in English only.

In each class students:

- complete a discussion activity
- work on reading skills and vocabulary building
- develop academic writing and editing skills

Class size is limited to a maximum of 18 students.

Level details

- Each level normally takes four 8-week sessions to complete.
- The boxes below show what students work on at each level of the UEP program:

4	<p>Competently read academic texts such as those found on the GRE or GMAT and in magazines like <i>The Economist</i>.</p> <p>Write an extended academic essay that makes reference to a range of sources and demonstrates strong critical reasoning to fully answer the prompt.</p> <p>Understand and use advanced vocabulary including words that appear on graduate tests e.g. <i>ameliorate, exacerbate, obfuscate, prodigious, ubiquitous</i>.</p>
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3	<p>Read academic texts such as those found on TOEFL or IELTS tests.</p> <p>Write a 5- paragraph academic essay that explores an issue and supports a point of view.</p> <p>Understand and use intermediate level vocabulary including words that appear on standardized tests e.g. <i>alter, controversy, excavate, mundane, plight</i>.</p>
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2	<p>Read simplified academic texts.</p> <p>Write several paragraphs that explains a problem and offers a solution.</p> <p>Understand and use essential vocabulary e.g. <i>author, choice, environment, target, theory</i></p>
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1	<p>Read short, simplified academic texts.</p> <p>Write a paragraph about topics such as university, family or Taipei.</p> <p>Understand and use basic vocabulary e.g. <i>classmate, dormitory, exam, library, park</i></p>
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