

Proficiency Levels for the 8-week Programs (required Integrated Skills course)

Proficiency Band	High-Beginning	Pre-Intermediate	Intermediate	High-Intermediate		Pre-Advanced	Advanced	
Level	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Required Integrated Skills Course	Integrated Skills 1	Integrated Skills 2	Integrated Skills 3	Integrated Skills 4	Integrated Skills 5	Integrated Skills 6	Integrated Skills 7	Integrated Skills 8
Students will progress when they are able to	Listen and speak about everyday topics by asking and answering questions Read and write about familiar topics Use topic-related vocabulary and phrases in speaking and writing Express their ideas using level-appropriate grammar and complete sentences	Listen and speak about basic needs and common activities Read and write about familiar topics, the immediate environment, and areas of immediate need Use topic-related vocabulary and phrases for descriptions, comparisons, and opinions in speaking and writing Express their ideas using level-appropriate grammar and complete sentences	Listen and speak about familiar and new topics Read and write about reasons, explanations, opinions, and plans Use topic-related vocabulary and phrases in speaking and writing Clearly express their ideas using appropriate grammar and a variety of sentence structures	Discuss a wide variety of familiar and unfamiliar topics Listen to different types of spoken texts to identify purpose, main ideas, and details Read various texts for purpose, details, and comprehension Write longer texts with reasons and explanations for opinions and ideas	Discuss information synthesized from a variety of sources Listen to spoken texts from academic, social, and professional sources to identify arguments and opinions Read longer and more complex texts from multiple disciplines Write detailed texts which synthesize information from a variety of sources	Discuss and interact with a high degree of fluency and spontaneity and articulate their opinions without prompting on various topics Listen to various spoken texts for meaning, analysis, and comparison Read texts and analyze them for discussion by inferring meaning, purpose, and tone from context Write a variety of compositions in different styles while improving error recognition and applying new vocabulary	Discuss various topics and interact with a strong degree of proficiency by asking questions or making additional comments Listen to, analyze, and critique a variety of listening content for discussion and comparison Read passages and evaluate them by inferring meaning, purpose, and tone from context Write a variety of compositions in different rhetorical modes while recognizing and correcting errors and utilizing advanced vocabulary	Discuss various topics with near-native sophistication by articulating ideas, elaborating on key concepts, and coming up with spontaneous follow-up comments or questions Refine listening skills by summarizing, analyzing, and critiquing more advanced pieces of listening Read lengthy passages in order to summarize, analyze, and critique them while also ascertaining the relevance of key vocabulary words and/or advanced phrasing Write documents for both professional and academic environments using advanced grammar, cohesive devices, and appropriate vocabulary



Proficiency Levels for the 8-week Programs (Reading and Writing and Culture and Fluency Required Courses)

Proficiency Band	High-Beginning	Pre-Intermediate	Intermediate	High-Intermediate		Pre-Advanced	Advanced	
Level	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Academic English	Academic Reading and Writing 1	Academic Reading and Writing 2	Academic Reading and Writing 3	Academic Reading and Writing 4	Academic Reading and Writing 5	Academic Reading and Writing 6	Academic Reading and Writing 7	Academic Reading and Writing 8
Required Program Course Students will progress when they are able to	Read and understand short passages Find key information in reading passages Write accurate simple and compound sentences Write well-organized basic paragraphs	Read and comprehend multi-paragraph passages Employ reading strategies to increase reading fluency Write accurate simple, compound, and complex sentences Write well-supported paragraphs of various types Use correct format in academic writing	Read and comprehend factual and argumentative texts Employ reading strategies to enhance reading fluency and deepen comprehension Write accurate simple, compound, and complex sentences Write detailed and well- supported paragraphs and basic essays using clear organization Use correct format in academic writing	Read complex texts from multiple disciplines for the purpose of class discussions and written responses Write detailed texts which begin to synthesize information from a variety of sources Apply level-appropriate vocabulary and grammar to reading and writing tasks	Read, comprehend, and critically analyze authentic academic texts for the purpose of class discussions and written responses Produce academic, multiparagraph essays in response to readings on a variety of topics following correct organizational patterns Employ the use of levelappropriate vocabulary and grammar to reading and writing tasks	Read, understand, and critically analyze articles of an advanced ESL level Identify meaning, style, and tone Write different types of essays Analyze their own writing and identify strengths and weaknesses to improve their writing	Read, evaluate, and critically analyze various sophisticated readings to improve their comprehension skills for discussion and writing Incorporate new vocabulary words in their speaking and writing tasks Engage in the writing process by planning and editing their writing Summarize academic articles	Write a research paper Discover, read, assess, and choose credible pieces of research Effectively quote and/or paraphrase researched excerpts Recognize and use appropriate grammar structures and vocabulary words
All other	Culture and Fluency 1	Culture and Fluency 2	Culture and Fluency 3	Culture and Fluency 4	Culture and Fluency 5	Culture and Fluency 6	Culture and Fluency 7	Culture and Fluency 8
Required Program Course Students will progress when they are able to	Not required at this level	Not required at this level	Discuss cultural topics, such as music and neighborhoods Ask for & give advice Make & respond to suggestions Use certain structures, such as questions, phrasal verbs, and simple past Comprehend key information in listening passages	Discuss cultural topics, such as language and art, and extend discussions with follow-up questions Use target vocabulary in discussions Use certain structures, such as real conditionals and present perfect to enhance fluency Give an individual or pair presentation on a cultural topic, 3-4 minutes in length Comprehend main ideas, details, and signal words in listening passages	Discuss cultural topics in detail by providing real world examples Use target vocabulary in discussions Use certain structures, such as modals, unreal conditionals and passive voice to enhance fluency Give an individual or pair presentation on a cultural topic, 4-5 minutes in length Identify tone, attitude, and rhetorical questions in listening passages	Lead and take part in extensive discussions on cultural topics Demonstrate critical thinking through making predictions, giving opinions, and expressing hypothetical situations and outcomes Use target vocabulary in indepth discussions Give an individual or pair presentation on a cultural topic, 5-6 minutes in length Infer meaning in listening passages	Lead and take part in extensive discussions on cultural topics Demonstrate critical thinking such as by evaluating arguments, examining assumptions, identifying bias, and finding common ground Use target vocabulary in indepth discussions Give an individual or pair presentation on a cultural topic, 6-7 minutes in length Infer meaning and understand figurative language in listening passages	Lead and take part in extensive discussions on cultural topics Demonstrate critical thinking such as by evaluating arguments, examining assumptions, identifying bias, and finding common ground Use target vocabulary in indepth discussions Give an individual or pair presentation on a cultural topic, 6-7 minutes in length Infer meaning and understand figurative language in listening passages