

# ELAP

## English Language for Academic Purposes



### ELAP courses help students:

- Increase their English proficiency.
- Adjust to North American life, culture and society.
- Interact in English and meet American and other international friends, classmates and teachers.
- Learn and understand the norms of an American university.
- Understand American rules for cheating and plagiarism.
- Prepare for USF's undergraduate and graduate programs in areas such as business, social work, law and fine art.
- Achieve conditional admission to USF academic programs.

### Advantages of ELAP

Most students at an intermediate level can expect to complete the intensive language training within one year of full-time English study (3 semesters of ELAP). More advanced students can complete the program after one to two semesters of full-time English study. Each semester consists of 15 weeks of English language study.

### Apply now!

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## What is ELAP?

The goal of the University of St. Francis ELAP (English Language for Academic Purposes) program is to help non-native English speakers from a wide range of backgrounds improve their English language skills and knowledge of American culture, in order to become successful students in the U.S.



### Who is ELAP for?

- Students who need to improve their English language proficiency before enrolling in mainstream university courses.
- International students (F-1 visa status) who need to improve their English skills before enrolling in a USF degree program. These students must attend ELAP full-time (20 hours of class per week).
- Other international students already enrolled at USF may take 1-2 ELAP courses in addition to their regular USF coursework.
- Local Joliet-area students with a high school degree or above who have at least a high intermediate level of English ability.

# ELAP Course Requirements

Completion or mastery of three levels of English language instruction in four skill areas: listening and speaking, reading and vocabulary, writing and grammar.



## ELAP Courses

### LEVEL I (INTERMEDIATE)

Listening & Speaking I: 6 hours per week  
 Reading & Vocabulary I: 6 hours per week  
 Writing I: 4 hours per week  
 Grammar I: 4 hours per week

### LEVEL II (UPPER-INTERMEDIATE)

Listening & Speaking II: 6 hours per week  
 Reading & Vocabulary II: 6 hours per week  
 Writing II: 4 hours per week  
 Grammar II: 4 hours per week

### LEVEL III (ADVANCED)

Listening & Speaking III: 6 hours per week  
 Reading & Vocabulary III: 6 hours per week  
 Writing III: 4 hours per week  
 Grammar III: 4 hours per week

## Admission to USF

- USF is happy to welcome qualified international students to study in its undergraduate and graduate programs.
- International students are considered for admission based on:
  - Previous academic work
  - English proficiency
  - Evidence of adequate financial resources
- If students lack the required English or academic skills, they may take ELAP courses until the requirements are met.
- Successfully completing ELAP is one way to meet USF's minimum language requirement without having to retake the TOEFL or IELTS.

### USF and ELAP minimum language requirements

	TOEFL Paper	TOEFL CBT	TOEFL IBT	IELTS
USF Degree Program	550	213	79	6.5
ELAP Suggested	480-549	153-212	55-78	4.5-6.0

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