

INTENSIVE ENGLISH

Sample Focus Class Options



TEST PREPARATION

TOEFL Prep

Practice reading and writing as well as listening and speaking strategies for the TOEFL iBT exam. Students will become familiar with the structure and components of the test and learn test taking strategies to help them reach their test score goal. **2 3**

IELTS Prep

Develop the listening, reading, writing, and speaking skills you need to achieve your best results on the IELTS exam. You will become familiar with the IELTS test format and learn strategies to improve your performance in each section. **4 5 6**

ACADEMIC SKILLS

Practical Vocabulary

Increase your practical vocabulary by learning important categories of words for life in the U.S. At the same time, you will learn the rules and patterns of English language sounds and spelling to get you on the right track for learning English correctly and accurately from the start. **1**

Practical Vocabulary II

Increase your fluency in English by learning vocabulary used in everyday life and in classrooms in the United States. Paying attention to sounds and spelling will help you to use vocabulary correctly and accurately from the start. **2**

Academic Vocabulary

Begin to build your academic vocabulary by learning important categories of words for understanding lectures and reading textbooks in English. At the same time, you will learn the rules and patterns of English language for correct use right from the start. **3**

Academic Vocabulary II

Are you ready to take on the challenge of more academic vocabulary? This course will help prepare your English for the demanding listening, reading and writing tasks you will face in university classes in the U.S. **4 5**

SPECIAL TOPICS

Life in Los Angeles

Discover surprises about L.A. and learn about the diverse cultures and lifestyles of people who live here! Course activities include field trips, questionnaires, interviews, discussion, and fact-finding. Topics are related to past and present daily life in Los Angeles. **1 2 3 4**

Business English

Are you interested in business or on your way to a university to study business, marketing, finance, or economics? In this class you will have an introduction to how English is used in the business environment. Students will build a strong business vocabulary base, understand protocols and expectations, and develop field-specific writing skills. **4 5 6**

Journalism

What makes a story newsworthy? Study the fundamentals of journalism while having “hands-on” practice. Students will create a weekly newsletter and determine its format, layout, and content. Report on stories of interest to USC students, teachers, and staff and have your articles published in print and on the International Academy online student portal. **4 5 6**

English Through Film

This course provides an opportunity to improve English through viewing popular American films. You can improve your listening comprehension, expand your vocabulary and learn common American expressions. **5 6**

Current Events and News

Bring your English up to speed and stay on top of important current issues in this class, where you will watch, listen to and discuss what’s in the news! **5 6**

LEVELS OF PROFICIENCY

- 1** Beginning **2** High Beginning **3** Intermediate
4 High Intermediate **5** Advanced **6** High Advanced