

ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES

Vesalius College offers a non-credit English for Academic Purposes (EAP) programme to build up the basic language and study skills needed for university-level work at Vesalius or other English-language academic institutions. This full-time programme is designed for students who meet the College's admissions requirements generally but lack sufficient prior preparation or acceptable test scores in English. Given that class sizes are small and the work intensive, one semester of EAP work is usually sufficient to reach the level of proficiency required for success at university but occasionally, depending on entry skills, a second semester may be needed. While acceptance in the EAP programme does not constitute admission to the College's Bachelor degree programmes, most students who successfully complete EAP do enroll at Vesalius in the degree programme of their choosing the next semester.

The EAP programme focuses on developing reading, writing, listening and presentational skills. It features the acquisition of academic vocabulary, provides the language support work needed for essay writing in English, and develops the critical thinking skills needed for university study generally. The academic semester runs for 15 weeks, with the 12-hour EAP work week divided into 6 distinct but mutually reinforcing modules: listening, note-taking and speaking; academic presentations; academic reading skills; academic writing skills; comprehension, synthesis and summary writing skills; language support.

Grading for the programme combines continuous assessment with a final written examination. The IELTS test, included in the course fee, will be taken at the end of the semester to measure student progress. Class size is restricted and EAP students benefit from close contact with their instructors, including academic guidance as they look forward to university-level work and close monitoring as they integrate their chosen Bachelor's programme.

Students may be referred to it by the College Admissions Office.

Tuition and fees for the EAP programme are the same as those for the Bachelor's degree programmes.

EAP students are subject to the same rules and regulations as regular degree-seeking students.