LAURENTIAN INTERNATIONAL English for Academic Preparation (EAP)



What is it? It is a customized curriculum program which focuses on the success of the student in undergraduate or graduate studies as it relates to English proficiency. The program features:

- Outstanding instructors who are certified as Teachers of English as a Second Language – TESL and hold a university degree
- Opportunities to advance: the placement process is responsive to student's progress over time and decisions are not based solely on test results
- Outstanding support with access to a homework room, individual or group tutoring and intensive classes between semesters
- Small-class sizes with an average of 12 students per class
- Up to 39 hours of instruction per week
- Flexibility of 3 intake terms: September, January, and May
- Immediate access to credit courses towards a degree through the University Preparation program* (UP)
 - * The UP program allows students to begin their degree and earn up to 6 academic credits while completing English requirements.



FOUNDATIONS COURSE

All new students write a placement test to determine their respective level of proficiency in English. *Foundations* was developed as the pre-level 1 course designed for students who require the most assistance in some or all four language acquisition skills: listening, speaking, reading comprehension, and/or writing. Classes are small – typically no more than 6 students – and are taught by an experienced instructor and supportive tutor.





Why Laurentian University?

- More than 9,000 full and part-time students
- Over 140 bachelor programs, over 20 master's programs, and seven PhD programs
- Many programs incorporate lab work, field work, placement, or co-op options to give you hands on experience
- Small class sizes
- Safe and friendly

Who can enroll in an EAP Program?

- Students who want to further their studies in a degree program at Laurentian University
- Students who want to develop their English skills for work or other studies

Where are EAP students from?

- All over the world!
- Bangladesh, China, Haiti, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, parts of francophone Africa, and across the globe (including Canada!)

How many levels in EAP?

- EAP has four levels Foundations, Level 1, Level 2, Level 3
- Each level is 12 weeks in duration.
- A placement test is initially given to new students to determine their level.
- Students must complete EAP Level 3 with a final mark of 70% to meet the English requirements for entry to a degree program.
- A community placement (St. Joseph's Villa), and elective options are available.

Is there a bridging program?

- The University Preparation program (UP) links Level 3 to undergraduate degrees.
- Students who receive 64%-69% in Level 3 can enter the UP program.
- As well as participating in the UP class, students are allowed to take up to 6 credits towards their undergraduate degree.

Is there an MBA preparation program?

 In August, qualified students may study for four weeks at five hours a day in preparation for the MBA. The curriculum addresses group work, case studies, case analysis, essay writing, and Canadian business/academic culture.

What can I do in between semesters to reinforce my English skills?

- Laurentian International offers an intensive two-week program in between each semester for students who would like to improve their English skills.
- The program focuses on vocabulary, pronunciation, reading comprehension, and writing.

What is conditional admission?

Students who meet the academic requirements for studies at Laurentian University but not the English language requirements, can be offered conditional admission to a degree program (based on their completing EAP Level 3 or the UP program).

Do EAP students have to continue to a degree program?

No, some students choose EAP only to prepare for careers and to communicate in English.

What is a typical day in EAP?

- The program consists of four hours of language instruction per day.
- EAP combines speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills which lead towards success in any program at Laurentian University.
- Computer lab work, oral presentations (PowerPoint), written assignments, and discussions.
- Community placements and elective options can enhance oral and listening skills.

What extracurricular activities are available for EAP students?

- Athletics
- Clubs and associations
- Trips and students activities
- Community placements, elective options, and cultural exchange
- Guided 'Homework Room'
- Alumni mentoring

