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## INTENSIVE ENGLISH PROGRAM



## IEP Student Handbook

*Your Guide to the Policies of the  
Intensive English Program*

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## IEP Policies and Procedures

Georgetown University is an exciting place to study, and we hope that you will come to think of it as your second home! In the Intensive English Program, you will meet interesting people, participate in a wide range of activities to develop your English ability, and learn a great deal about yourself along the way.

This booklet is your guide to the policies and procedures of the Intensive English Program. **Please read this information carefully.** Pay particular attention to the policies regarding attendance and the discussion of the program curriculum and methods of teaching. These program policies and program expectations are designed to help you learn in a positive and supportive environment. We know that learning another language is challenging, exciting, and sometimes frustrating! The faculty and staff of the IEP are here to help you as you learn and live in this new environment.

Information on F-1 visa regulations is also included to help you maintain your student visa status. Be sure that you follow these regulations while you are living and traveling in the United States.

**Use this booklet whenever you have questions about  
program policies and procedures.**

# Mission of the IEP

The mission of the IEP at Georgetown University is to provide quality language instruction and cultural orientation to students who require English for their academic, professional, or personal needs. The program supports students with different language backgrounds and learning styles by helping them acquire:

- the ability to use English effectively when reading, writing, listening, and speaking
- the ability to communicate in culturally appropriate ways
- an awareness of the distinctive qualities of American culture in comparison with their own and other cultures



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# Studying in the IEP

## I. Arrival

### What to Expect from Your IEP Classes & Teachers

The Georgetown IEP emphasizes using English for communication purposes in academic study and in the workplace. IEP teachers are professional educators with many years of experience. They will provide:

- a course syllabus outlining course objectives as well as classroom assignments and tasks designed to help you develop your reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills
- frequent graded assessments of your performance to determine if you are meeting course goals and learning objectives
- many opportunities for you to use English during class, on field trips, and through email and online tools, including Canvas
- interesting and challenging materials
- encouragement as you pursue your language study

**Your teachers will encourage you to use English outside the classroom as often as possible, and they will require you to use English in different situations.** The more you practice using English, the more confident you will be about your ability to communicate your ideas and opinions.



## What Georgetown ELC & the IEP Expect from Students

You have chosen to study in this program so that you can improve your English skills. The Intensive English Program and your teachers expect you to:

- attend **every** class -- and be on time
- speak English during classes
- participate in class discussions and activities daily
- produce assignments that meet course objectives
- check email and Canvas daily to be prepared for class and complete assignments
- comply with policies of academic honesty and integrity
- practice English outside of the classroom daily
- behave respectfully toward teachers and classmates

Class participation means contributing to class discussions, responding to teacher questions, being prepared to give presentations, and working with classmates in group activities. **Students who are late for class, frequently absent, or unprepared for class will have difficulty meeting course goals**

**and objectives.** They may not be recommended to study in the program in the next term.

Academic honesty and integrity, and respectful behavior toward other teachers and classmates, is especially important in order to maintain a classroom environment in which everyone can be the most successful. IEP students are members of the Georgetown University community, which means they are held to the same standards and have the same responsibilities as all Georgetown students. The [Georgetown University Code of Student Conduct](#) describes this as follows:

*Choosing to come to Georgetown University means joining a distinctive community...Georgetown places special emphasis on the dignity and worth of every person and the love of truth. Membership in this community carries with it high expectations regarding the ways in which each person will act...In particular, students are expected to honor the following commitments in all their actions:*

*[A commitment to...]*

- *the highest standards of honesty and personal integrity both inside and outside the classroom.*
- *treat others in a respectful manner, regardless of differences such as race, religion, nationality, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation.*
- *open discourse and the free exchange of ideas.*
- *exercise mutual care and responsibility in all relationships.*
- *an active concern for the safety, security, and well-being of each individual and a respect for individual, communal and university property.*

*Georgetown University Code of Student Conduct, AY 21-22*

In your IEP classes, you will learn strategies and techniques for working with outside sources, and engaging in respectful discussion and debate that are appropriate in US academic and professional settings. This includes giving your own opinions and respectfully agreeing and disagreeing with others. You will learn appropriate language choice and vocabulary for these academic and professional situations. However, your nonverbal communication is equally important in respecting the

classroom environment and having concern for the safety and well-being of everyone in the classroom. The following behaviors are not acceptable in the classroom environment as they do not meet the high standards of conduct expected at Georgetown University:

- Raising your voice or yelling during a class session
- Entering the personal space of another classmate or teacher, demonstrated by the setup of the classroom environment and explained by your teachers
- Using unnecessary physical force when moving around the classroom or operating a device in ways that would disrupt normal class or cause concern to others
- Causing physical harm to oneself or others in the classroom environment

**Any students who engage in these unacceptable behaviors will be asked to leave the classroom and building immediately, and a report will be made to the appropriate University office. Any student or teacher who feels concern for their safety in their classroom environment has the right to leave the classroom, end class, and/or contact the SCS Security & Front Desk team for immediate assistance (202-784-7375).**

## Overall Program & Level Design

<b>Intensive Language &amp; Culture</b> <i>3 levels</i> <i>8 weeks/level</i> ~ CEFR A1+ - A2+	<b>Classes are held Monday-Thursday 5 hours per day (20 hours per week)</b>		
	2 hours + 30 min 4 days/week (10 class hours/week)	1 hour + 15 min 4 days/week (5 class hours/week)	1 hour + 15 min 4 days/week (5 class hours/week)

<b>Language &amp; Culture I</b>	<b>A1+</b>	Integrated Skills I (Listening & Speaking)	Reading & Writing I	Communicative Grammar I
<b>Language &amp; Culture II</b>	<b>A2</b>	Integrated Skills II (Listening & Speaking)	Reading & Writing II	Communicative Grammar II
<b>Language &amp; Culture III</b>	<b>A2+</b>	Integrated Skills III (Listening & Speaking)	Reading & Writing III	Communicative Grammar III
<b>Intensive Academic 4 levels</b> <i>8 weeks/level</i> ~CEFR B1 - C1	<b>Classes are held Monday-Thursday 5 hours per day (20 hours per week)</b>			
		2 hours + 30 min 4 days/week (10 class hours/week)	1 hour + 15 min 4 days/week (5 class hours/week)	1 hour + 15 min 4 days/week (5 class hours/week)
<b>Academic Foundations</b>	<b>B1</b>	Reading & Writing IV	Integrated Skills IV (Listening & Speaking)	Communicative Grammar IV
<b>Academic I</b>	<b>B1+</b>	Reading, Writing, Research I	Academic Communication Skills I	Elective course - with choice of content
<b>Academic II</b>	<b>B2</b>	Reading, Writing, Research II	Academic Communication Skills II	Elective course - with choice of content
<b>Academic III</b>	<b>B2+ &amp; C1</b>	Reading, Writing, Research III	Academic Communication Skills III	Elective course - with choice of content

		<b>Classes are held Monday-Thursday 5 hours per day (20 hours per week)</b>		
<b>Intensive Professional</b> ~CEFR B2		2 hours + 30 min  4 days/week (10 class hours/week)	1 hour + 15 min  4 days/week (5 class hours/week)	1 hour + 15 min  4 days/week (5 class hours/week)
<b>Intensive Professional</b>	<b>B1</b>	Professional Reading/Writing	Professional Communication Skills (Listening & Speaking)	Elective course - with choice of content

## Health Insurance

Medical costs in the U.S. can be very expensive. If you visit a doctor, you will need to have medical insurance to help you pay your bill. All IEP students must have health insurance. Georgetown University **automatically enrolls** F1-visa IEP students in a special short-term accident and sickness insurance plan. The cost for this insurance plan is **automatically charged** to your account each term. Coverage begins about a week before the start of the program and continues for about a week after the program ends. This insurance should be used at the Georgetown University Student Health Center. The clinic is on the Main Campus and you can see their hours and contact information or make an appointment on their website (<https://studenthealth.georgetown.edu/medical-care/>). If you are sponsored by your government, then this insurance can be waived.

**Family insurance coverage is not available for spouses or children.** If you would like to obtain health insurance for a dependent, please contact us for additional information.

For more information on health insurance, please visit the Student Health Insurance page on the Georgetown University website (<https://studenthealthinsurance.georgetown.edu/>).

## Tuition Payment

IEP tuition and fees must be paid **by the first Wednesday of the term**. Students will automatically be charged a monthly late fee if program fees are not paid in full on time. In special cases, students may arrange a payment plan through the Student Accounts Office. Students may not enroll in the next term if they have any unpaid fees, and they **do not** receive a program certificate. F-1 students with outstanding tuition balances cannot be enrolled in the next term and are not eligible for I-20 extensions.

If your tuition is sponsored by a government or other organization, it is your responsibility to submit your financial guarantee to the English Language Center (guELC@georgetown.edu) by email **no later than the first Wednesday of the term**. If students and their sponsors do not meet this deadline, the student will be charged in full for tuition.

## II. Program Duration

### Attendance Policies

Daily class attendance is essential in language study and is required by US immigration law. You are expected to attend all your classes regularly,

participate actively in class, and complete and submit your assignments on time. Excessive absences prevent a student from demonstrating successful achievement of course learning objectives. Failure to follow these rules can negatively impact your immigration status.

Your professors are required to take attendance daily. The Intensive English Program attendance policy requires students to attend a minimum of 85% of their total class hours. This means:

- Students cannot miss **more than twenty-one (21) hours** of class during an 8-week session. This includes absences if you are sick or have a personal obligation or appointment. As such, you should be careful not to use up your absence hours early in the term for personal obligations in case you need them available for unexpected illness later in the term. Students are encouraged to take care of personal obligations and appointments on Fridays or after 3:30pm on Monday-Thursday.
- Students must arrive to class on time. **If you arrive more than 10 minutes late, you will be marked absent.**
- If you arrive 1 to 9 minutes past the start of class, you will be marked “tardy” (late). **Three “tardies” (lates) will equal one absence hour.**



You will receive an “Attendance Warning Letter” if you have 10 or more hours of absences during an 8-week session. You will receive one “Final Warning Letter” if you have more than 16 hours of absences during an 8-week session. If you exceed 21 hours of absences during an 8-week session, you (1) may fail to make academic progress and become ineligible to enroll in the next program session, or (2) you can be dismissed from the program immediately. Dismissal from the ELC is very serious, and if you are studying on an F-1 visa, your SEVIS student record is updated, and you may need to leave the country immediately.

## **Being Late to Class – It Is NOT Acceptable**

Being on time is a sign of respect in the American classroom; therefore, be sure to arrive on time for each class. When you arrive late, you miss important parts of the class and interrupt your teacher and classmates. If you are late, enter the classroom quietly and take your seat. Do not talk to your friends or interrupt the teacher. If you are more than 15 minutes late, your instructor will mark you as absent.

## **Reporting absences and requesting extensions on assignments**

If you are absent for any reason, these absences are recorded. There are no “excused” absences, but depending on your action as a student, you may be eligible for accommodation due to your absence so that your grades are not affected.

In an 8-week program, every class day is important for your progress. If you miss multiple days of class, you will miss graded assignments in class and important lecture materials; the reason for your absence does not change this situation. **Students are required to meet the academic policies of the program to move to the next level and enroll in the next session, regardless of attendance, including students who experience unexpected or personal emergencies.** You may only receive extra time (extension) to complete your assignments due to a personal situation or emergency if you discuss your situation in detail with your professors and follow their course policies. **Failure to attend class and make a plan in advance with your professors may result in receiving zeros or low grades on assignments, tests, or projects that are due or occur in class on the day you are absent.**

## **Student responsibility in the case of any absence**

1. Contact all professors about your situation as soon as possible.
  - a. If this is a **planned absence**, you must contact your professors before the absence occurs, preferably the

- beginning of the session or at least one week before the absence
- b. If this is an **absence due to illness or any other unexpected reason**, please contact your professors and program staff no later than the first day of your absence following the guidelines below in ***COVID-19 & illness absences***.
  2. Check Canvas and Georgetown email every day for announcements and class materials, and continue to turn in assignments on time
  3. Request an extension, if needed. Approval is not guaranteed if students do not follow the policies in this handbook and course policies given by their professors. You must:
    - a. Make the request in writing (email) or during the professor's office hours. Your professor will not give you an extension if you do not request it at the appropriate time and in the appropriate way
    - b. Create a plan with your professors, following their course policies and instructions
    - c. Receive final approval for an extension

## **COVID-19 & illness absences**

During the public health emergency of COVID-19, Georgetown University has provided mandatory guidelines for reporting symptoms of COVID-19.

If you are experiencing **symptoms of COVID-19**, please immediately:

1. Get tested for COVID-19. You can get free rapid antigen tests at SCS or free PCR tests from Georgetown.
  - a. If you test positive, email all of your teachers and Daniel and Stephanie ([dag106@georgetown.edu](mailto:dag106@georgetown.edu); [sg985@georgetown.edu](mailto:sg985@georgetown.edu)). You must also upload your test to GU360
2. Follow the instructions for ***Student responsibility in the case of any absence*** above
3. Take care of yourself and get better soon

If you are sick but are **not** experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, please immediately:

1. Follow the instructions for ***Student responsibility in the case of any absence*** above
2. Take care of yourself and get better soon

Anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 is not allowed to be in classrooms on Georgetown's campus, but they may continue their coursework through Canvas. If being absent due to COVID-19 results in more than 21 hours of absence, your case will be discussed individually with the Associate Director and International Student Advisor.

### **Absences due to religious observance**

An important value at Georgetown University is respect for all religions. As such, students who anticipate absences due to a religious observance may request permission to be absent and make a plan with professors for a reasonable accommodation to make up their work. Students are still responsible for all assigned work that is due or given on the day of their absence, so **students must notify professors in writing during Week 1 of the session of any religious observances that conflict with their classes**. If students do not notify professors in writing at the beginning of the session, they will not receive an accommodation and will not be eligible to make up any missed work during their religious observance. Please see the [University calendar](#) for religious holy days for planning purposes and more details about this policy.

### ***Early departure from program***

Students who leave the program early during the last week of class **for any reason** are not eligible for extensions on final assignments due during this week, and as such, may be ineligible for promotion to the next level.

**Students who miss the last two instructional days of the program, in which mandatory final tests, presentations, and projects are due, are not eligible to complete these final assignments remotely, and will receive 0 points for the final assignments on those days.**

Completion of coursework must be done within the dates of the course, according to the policies set by faculty and written in course syllabi. If missing the final project or tests for a course due to absence negatively impacts a student's grade, the student will not receive a certificate and will not be promoted to the next level. Faculty do not have permission to deliver final assignments online for students who miss classes during the last week of the course.

## Sample Weekly Schedules

### Intensive Language & Culture

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
9:00-11:30	Integrated Skills	Integrated Skills	Integrated Skills	Integrated Skills
11:30-1:00	<i>Independent Study, Office Hours, Workshops, Lunch</i>			
1:00-3:30	Reading/Writing	Communicative Grammar	Reading/Writing	Communicative Grammar
After classes	<i>Independent Study and Social Activities *Expect to do homework a minimum of 2-3 hours per day</i>			

### Intensive Academic

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
9:00-11:30	Reading/Writing/Research	Reading/Writing/Research	Reading/Writing/Research	Reading/Writing/Research
11:30-1:00	<i>Independent Study, Office Hours, Workshops, Lunch</i>			
1:00-3:30	Elective	Academic Communication Skills	Elective	Academic Communication Skills

After classes	<b><i>Independent Study and Social Activities</i></b> <b><i>*Expect to do homework a minimum of 2-3 hours per day</i></b>
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## Intensive Professional

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
9:00-11:30	Professional Reading/ Writing	Professional Reading/ Writing	Professional Reading/ Writing	Professional Reading/ Writing
11:30-1:00	<b><i>Independent Study, Office Hours, Workshops, Lunch</i></b>			
1:00-3:30	Elective	Professional Communication Skills	Elective	Professional Communication Skills
After classes	<b><i>Independent Study and Social Activities</i></b> <b><i>*Expect to do homework a minimum of 2-3 hours per day</i></b>			

## Grades

During the program, your teachers will evaluate your classroom performance frequently to determine if you are meeting the course objectives and outcomes. Evaluation of your work is based on written assignments, tests and quizzes, presentations, and projects that demonstrate your ability to use English effectively. You will have access to your grades and written feedback online at any time during the term through the Canvas learning management system. You may also receive feedback from your teachers during class and individual office hours appointments. Students also receive a Final Grade Report at the end of the program. The Final Grade Report will include a grade for each course and indicate if a student has met the



requirements to advance to the next level in the program.

Each course grade is based on your:

1. performance on daily in- and out-of-class assignments, graded quizzes and tests, writing samples, reading tasks, and group projects;
2. achievement of the Objectives and Outcomes identified for your level on Canvas and in the Syllabus given to you in each class (see pages 17-20 for Level Proficiency Scales);
3. active participation in class (discussions, presentations, group activities).

**Georgetown University SCS Grading Scale (0-100%)**

A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D	F
100- 95%	94.99- 90%	89.99- 87%	86.99- 83%	82.99- 80%	79.99- 77%	76.99- 73%	72.99- 70%	69.99- 60%	59.99- 0%

IEP Certificates for completion of a level are awarded to students whose grade in each course is **75% or higher**. Students receiving grades of 74.99% or below in any course do not receive a program certificate for their current level.

## **Student Complaints – Solving Problems**

If students have concerns or problems with an IEP class, they should speak directly to the teacher about their concerns. IEP teachers welcome your ideas and value your opinions and, in many situations, concerns are easily settled. Occasionally, a student may have a more serious complaint that he/she feels is not resolved through student-teacher discussion.

The following procedure should be followed to register a course complaint:

1. Request an appointment to meet with the IEP Associate Director, who will meet with you to discuss and document your complaint.
2. After reviewing your complaint and discussing it with you, the IEP Associate Director will notify you of any action to be taken to resolve the problem.
3. Decisions made by the IEP Associate Director to resolve a problem or complaint are final.

Along with the policies of the IEP, IEP students are governed by Georgetown University policies and codes of conduct for students. Details about students' rights and responsibilities can be found on the Georgetown University website:

<https://studentconduct.georgetown.edu/>

Ask your teacher if you need help understanding IEP or Georgetown program policies.

## Continuing in the Program Next Term

Many IEP students want to study in the program for more than one term. To continue studying in the IEP, students must demonstrate improvement in their language ability. Advancement to the next level requires that a student earn a program certificate for their current level. A program certificate is achieved when a student receives a grade of 75% or higher in each course taken in the level.

Many students progress to the next level of the program after one term. However, some students may need to repeat a course level in order to meet the goals and objectives of the level. **Students who are required to repeat a level will take longer to complete their period of study in the program than those who progress to the next level after one term. A student may not study in any one level of the program for more than two sessions.**

**Note:** Students who are placed in *combined level classes* advance based on their *actual placement level* (which they will be informed about when they receive their class schedule), not the next higher level of the combined class. *Example:* A student whose placement scores place him/her in Language & Culture **level I** but is enrolled in a combined Intensive Language & Culture I & II level will advance to **level II after 8 weeks**, and not level III.

## Applying for the Next Term

Several weeks before the end of the program, you must respond to the next session plans survey to inform the ELC and the International Student Advisor of your plans when you complete the session. If you require an I-20 extension, you must work with the International Student Advisor and submit new financial documentation prior to the last week of classes. Schedule an appointment with the International Student Advisor or email [elcimmigration@georgetown.edu](mailto:elcimmigration@georgetown.edu) if you have questions about the process.

**Students may be denied readmission to the program if their class performance and/or attendance is unsatisfactory.**

**IMPORTANT:** If you plan to register for the next term, you must meet with the International Student Advisor **before** the expiration date on your I-20. *If your I-20 expires, it is not possible to issue you an “extension of study” which would allow you to continue in the program.*



## III. Departure

### Withdrawing from the IEP

To withdraw from the IEP, a student must notify the Associate Director and International Student Advisor (if an F-1 student) **in writing** and complete the Confirmation of Request to Withdraw form. Tuition refunds are calculated from the date the written notice to withdraw is received. No refund is given for the application fee, tuition deposit or health insurance if a student withdraws after the first week of the program.

The complete IEP refund policy and schedule is available online at the following site: <https://elc.georgetown.edu/>. Students can expect to receive their tuition refunds four to six weeks after exiting the program.

#### **Intensive English Program Refund Schedule Withdrawals and Refund Policy - 8-week Intensive English Program**

- Prior to the first day of the session: full tuition refund minus deposit
- During the first 5 working days of the session: full tuition refund minus deposit
- During the 6th–10th working days of the session: 50% of tuition

- After the 10th working day of the session: no refund

## F-1 Student Guidelines for Leaving the IEP

If you are an F-1 visa holder studying in the IEP, please review the guidelines below under ***F-1 Visa Regulations: Length of Approved Stay*** for detailed steps and responsibilities related to your departure from the program and the United States.

### Program Dismissal

Students enrolled in the IEP at Georgetown University are expected to follow all of the policies outlined in this booklet and those outlined by individual instructors in their course syllabi. Students who fail to comply with program academic policies, attendance policies, or who fail to pay program tuition and fees, may be dismissed from the program.

An F-1 student who is dismissed will have their SEVIS record updated. They will have 15 days to transfer to another program or leave the country. If the student exceeds these 15 days, they are considered “out of status” and begin accruing unlawful presence.

### University Transcripts and Grade Reports

The ELC provides a grade report for the session via email following the end of each session. An official Georgetown University Transcript may also be obtained from the University Registrar (<https://registrar.georgetown.edu/records/transcripts/>).

## Exit Level Proficiency Scale

The following exit level proficiency scales describe the course objectives & outcomes students can expect to achieve upon completion of their enrolled level.

### Intensive Language & Culture/Academic\*

Language & Culture I ~CEFR A1+	Language & Culture II ~CEFR A2	Language & Culture III ~CEFR A2+	Academic Foundations* ~CEFR B1 (*start of Academic track)
Reading/Writing	Reading/Writing	Reading/Writing	Reading/Writing
After completing this course, students will be able to read simple adapted fiction and non-fiction texts on familiar topics at <b>CEFR level A1+</b> , while focusing on basic strategies for building vocabulary, reading for comprehension, and increasing reading speed. Students will be able to complete basic forms, answer emails, and compose simple paragraphs on personal topics.	After completing this course, students will be able to read adapted fiction and non-fiction texts on familiar topics at <b>CEFR level A2</b> , while applying strategies for building vocabulary, reading for comprehension, and increasing reading speed. Students will be able to compose a variety of writing tasks with appropriate sentence structure and organization, including formal paragraphs and longer journaling on personal topics.	After completing this course, students will be able to read a variety of adapted fiction and non-fiction texts, as well as short authentic texts materials at <b>CEFR level A2+</b> while focusing on refining active and passive vocabulary skills, reading for comprehension, and increasing reading speed. Students will be able to compose formal paragraphs, journaling, and basic essays with accurate sentence structure, paragraph development, and appropriate organization on various general subjects.	After completing this course, students will be able to read a variety of adapted and authentic texts at <b>CEFR level B1</b> while focusing on refining active and passive vocabulary skills, reading for comprehension, and increasing reading speed. Students will be able to write on general and academic subjects, following the style acceptable in US universities, including the use of appropriate language. Students will be able to use and credit limited outside sources.
Integrated Skills	Integrated Skills	Integrated Skills	Listening/Speaking

After completing this course, students will be able to use and identify high frequency vocabulary and functional expressions to ask simple questions and participate in basic communicative situations on familiar topics at <a href="#">CEFR levels A1+</a>	After completing this course, students will be able to use high frequency vocabulary and functional expressions to make connections between past and present events and experiences, ask detailed questions, and participate in sustained communicative situations on familiar topics at <a href="#">CEFR levels A2.</a>	After completing this course, students will be able to use broader vocabulary and conversational speaking skills to participate in increasingly complex communicative situations. Students will be able to identify main ideas, key details, and organizational structure of short adapted or authentic sources on accessible topics at <a href="#">CEFR levels A2+.</a>	After completing this course, students will be able to use a range of vocabulary and conversational speaking skills to participate in a variety of communicative situations. Students will be able to participate in class discussions, deliver short individual and group presentations, and listen to and take notes on short adapted and authentic sources on accessible topics at <a href="#">CEFR levels B1.</a>
<b>Communicative Grammar</b>	<b>Communicative Grammar</b>	<b>Communicative Grammar</b>	<b>Communicative Grammar</b>
<b>Recommended Progression</b>			
Students who achieve <b>Intensive Language &amp; Culture I</b> objectives and outcomes by earning a grade of C (75% or higher) in all courses are recommended for study at the <b>Intensive Language &amp; Culture II</b> level.	Students who achieve <b>Intensive Language &amp; Culture II</b> objectives and outcomes by earning a grade of C (75% or higher) in all courses are recommended for study at the <b>Intensive Language &amp; Culture III</b> level.	Students who achieve <b>Intensive Language &amp; Culture III</b> objectives and outcomes by earning a grade of C (75% or higher) in all courses are recommended for study at the <b>Intensive Language &amp; Culture IV</b> level.	Students who achieve <b>Intensive Academic Foundations</b> objectives and outcomes by earning a grade of C (75% or higher) in all courses are recommended for study at the <b>Intensive Academic I</b> level.

## Intensive Academic/Professional

<b>Academic I</b>	<b>Academic II</b>	<b>Academic III</b>	<b>Professional</b>
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~CEFR B1+	~CEFR B2	~CEFR B2+/C1	~CEFR B2 and higher
Reading/Writing/ Research	Reading/Writing/ Research	Reading/Writing/ Research	Reading/Writing
After completing this course, students will be able to use reading strategies to increase efficiency and skill in reading and understanding adapted and authentic materials at <b>CEFR level B1+</b> . They will be able to write on subjects within common academic genres following the style acceptable in US universities, including the use of appropriate language. Students will be able to use and document sources and conduct basic academic research.	After completing this course, students will be able to use reading strategies to increase efficiency and skill in reading and understanding authentic materials at <b>CEFR level B2</b> . They will be able to write on a range of subjects within academic genres following the style acceptable in US universities, including the use of appropriate language and integration of source material with proper documentation. Students will also be able to apply basic research methods appropriate for academic purposes.	After completing this course, students will be able to use reading strategies to increase efficiency and skill in reading and understanding authentic academic materials at <b>CEFR levels B2+ and C1</b> . They will be able to write in a variety of academic genres on complex and diverse subjects following the style acceptable in US universities, including the use of appropriate language and integration of source material with proper documentation. Students will also be able to apply research methods appropriate for academic purposes.	After completing this course, students will be able to use reading strategies to increase efficiency and skill in understanding and analyzing authentic professional and academically-oriented materials at <b>CEFR levels B2+ and higher</b> . They will be able to write in a variety of genres on complex professional subjects following the style acceptable in US professional settings, including the use of appropriate language and integration of source material with proper documentation. Students will also be able to apply research methods appropriate for professional purposes.
Academic Communication Skills	Academic Communication Skills	Academic Communication Skills	Professional Communication Skills
After completing this course, students will be able to participate in class discussions, deliver individual and group presentations, and listen to and take notes on adapted and authentic sources on accessible topics at <b>CEFR levels B1+</b> .	After completing this course, students will be able to participate in class discussions, deliver individual and group presentations, and listen to and take notes on authentic sources on complex topics at <b>CEFR levels B2</b> .	After completing this course, students will be able to participate in class discussions, deliver individual and group presentations, and listen to and take notes on authentic sources on dense and complex topics at <b>CEFR levels B2+ and C1</b> .	After completing this course, students will be able to participate in class discussions, deliver individual and group presentations, and listen to and take notes on authentic professional and academically-oriented sources and topics at <b>CEFR levels B2+ and higher</b> .
<i><b>Recommended Progression</b></i>			
Students who achieve <b>Intensive Academic I</b> objectives and outcomes	Students who achieve <b>Intensive Academic II</b> objectives and outcomes	Successful achievement of the <b>Intensive Academic III</b> objectives and outcomes	Successful achievement of the <b>Intensive Professional</b> objectives

by earning a grade of C (75% or higher) in all courses are recommended for study at the <b>Intensive Academic II</b> level.	by earning a grade of C (75% or higher) in all courses are recommended for study at the <b>Intensive Academic III</b> level.	by earning a grade of C (75% or higher) in all courses indicates language ability to study in most academic settings (or to work in most professional settings).	and outcomes by earning a grade of C (75% or higher) in all courses indicates language ability to work in most professional settings.
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## Resources Outside the IEP Classroom

Not all learning and support takes place in the classroom! Georgetown University and the IEP offer you additional resources and opportunities to

develop your English ability while you experience living and learning in Washington, DC, or to improve your quality of life as a Georgetown University student. Be sure to use each of these resources throughout the term!

## **Extracurricular Activities**

You will not learn English effectively if you only practice during class. The IEP offers many opportunities for you to use your English outside class, as well as to socialize with your fellow students as you explore Washington, DC. Be sure to participate in these activities!

## **Guest Lecture Series**

Throughout the term, guest speakers are invited to classes and special IEP events. Speakers discuss topics of interest to IEP students such as American culture, the arts, politics, and life in Washington, DC. Many IEP teachers require their students to attend these lectures or events as part of class or course assignments.

## **Workshops**

Throughout the term, either during the midday break or after classes in the afternoon, IEP instructors organize and hold short (30 minute) workshops on a variety of topics related to English practice or American culture.

## **Adventure DC - IEP Activities Program**

Activities generally include tours, theater performances, sporting events, and visits to outdoor and cultural institutions. Admission fees are required for some events. Activities are listed on the activities calendar for each term and in the *Weekly Roundup*, a weekly email distributed to students online.

## Campus Events

Be sure to check the student calendar and check your email each day (using your Georgetown account) for information on campus events and activities.

## Downtown Campus Shuttle

There is a free Georgetown shuttle that goes from SCS to Georgetown's main campus and back. The Downtown Campus route operates Monday through Friday from 6:30am 10:15pm. Masks are required to ride on all GUTS shuttles. You can find details about the schedule and more information on the website here:

[https://transportation.georgetown.edu/guts/downtown-campus/?mkt\\_to\\_k=MjYxLURGRC05OTMAAAGGR8CqyqoOR5GcuseusqNS-NsPz-yKar696a3dgJylpz-PMG2G1hhCWghPOrK\\_kxjP7D2vMxGu-Tz62ziwMWF4upXNflek5nKhBL1JUPYZb4UscXA](https://transportation.georgetown.edu/guts/downtown-campus/?mkt_to_k=MjYxLURGRC05OTMAAAGGR8CqyqoOR5GcuseusqNS-NsPz-yKar696a3dgJylpz-PMG2G1hhCWghPOrK_kxjP7D2vMxGu-Tz62ziwMWF4upXNflek5nKhBL1JUPYZb4UscXA)

## Campus Clubs

Georgetown offers a variety of organizations on campus that IEP students can join to interact with American students. These clubs include sports teams, philanthropic organizations, cultural groups, and more. This is a great opportunity to explore American culture and practice your English. Check out

<https://www.georgetown.edu/campus-life/students-clubs-and-activities>.

## Academic Resource Center

The Academic Resource Center at Georgetown University offers support for all students regarding success in the classroom. At their website, you can find information on tips and strategies to be more successful in your

studies, as well as how to request ADA accommodations (disability support) for students who qualify based on documentation from a treating physician.

<https://academicsupport.georgetown.edu/>

## Health & Counseling Services

Georgetown offers a variety of services for students in all areas of health: physical, emotional, spiritual, and more. Please visit the main GU Student Health website for more details of all services that are available at Georgetown:

<https://studenthealth.georgetown.edu/hoya-wellness-wheel/>

If you need to make an appointment to see a doctor, you may go to the main campus Student Health Center. You can call them at (202) 687-2200 or visit their website here:

<https://studenthealth.georgetown.edu/medical-care/>

Additionally, if you are experiencing additional stress and anxiety in your school or personal life, there are free counseling resources available to all students (Counseling & Psychiatric Services, or CAPS). CAPS services, or someone to talk to, are available to SCS students and the campus community for personal issues in any aspect of their lives, whether relating to Georgetown or otherwise.

Location: 640 Massachusetts Ave., Room 206

Hours: By appointment

Appointments: 202-687-6985

After Hours Emergencies: 202-444-7243 (ask for the on-call clinician)

## Connect With Us Online

Friend us on **Facebook** (Georgetown ELC) and follow us on **Twitter** and **Instagram** (@GeorgetownELC) for the most up-to-date news and pictures

program events. Make sure to use #georgetownELC to tag your own IEP pictures online!



## F-1 Visa Regulations

Important policies govern IEP students' rights and responsibilities in complying with the regulations of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). IEP students should consult with the International Student Advisor when they have specific questions about immigration policies and procedures. The IEP attendance policies correspond to immigration regulations.

## Regulations

Federal regulations place the responsibility of staying in status on you, the student. **It is your responsibility to comply with all regulations.**

Immigration laws require that F-1 students maintain their status or risk being denied entry to the U.S. in the future. By using a Form I-20 for entry

into the U.S., you certify that you will follow the regulations on your I-20. **Read these regulations carefully.** Failure to obey any of these regulations may result in loss of your study privileges and other benefits. Federal law requires that the IEP report to SEVIS and ICE any student who is not maintaining his/her visa status.

## Travel Documents for Re-Entering the U.S.

If you temporarily leave the United States during the time you are studying in the IEP, you must do the following:

1. Email [elcimmigration@georgetown.edu](mailto:elcimmigration@georgetown.edu) at least two weeks prior to your departure to request a travel signature.
2. When you exit the U.S., take the following documents with you. They are required for re-entry into the United States:
  - your valid passport (for six months in the future) and valid F-1 visa
  - a current I-20 form signed on the back by the International Student Advisor **before you leave the United States**
3. Follow all CDC procedures for COVID-19, including testing.

Students should not exit the U.S. during the IEP term except during a designated holiday period (Spring Break, Easter, etc.) or family emergency. Upon reentering, students are required to submit their most recent I-94 to the International Student Advisor.

## Length of Approved Stay

If you entered the U.S. on an F-1 Student visa, “**D/S**” (Duration of Status) was stamped on your visa (Departure/Arrival Record). Duration of Status means that you may remain in the United States **only** if you are studying full-time and have a valid I-20 from the school you are currently attending.

If you plan to continue your study in the next level of the Georgetown IEP, you must submit a program extension request at least two weeks **prior to the expiration date on your form I-20** to the International Student Advisor at [elcimmigration@georgetown.edu](mailto:elcimmigration@georgetown.edu). Once your I-20 has expired, you are no longer eligible to study in the Georgetown IEP.

If you are planning to transfer out of ELC at the end of your program, provide your school's acceptance letter and transfer form to [elcimmigration@georgetown.edu](mailto:elcimmigration@georgetown.edu) at least two weeks **prior to the end of the session**.

If you finish your program of study and do not extend your I-20, you will enter a 60 day "grace period", which permits you to remain in the United States. During this time, you may travel, relax, or decide to transfer to another school. If you plan to stay longer, you must change your visa status.

## Your Passport

Your passport must remain valid for at least **six months** beyond the end date of the IEP. You should contact your government's embassy or consulate in Washington, DC, if your **passport will expire within six months**.

## Address Changes – Very Important!

If you change your local address, you must report the change of address to the IEP Office within **ten** days of your move. This is a U.S. government requirement.

## Visa Questions

The ELC International Student Advisor will answer the majority of your visa questions. In some cases, you may be referred to the Office of Global Services (OGS) at Georgetown University for additional guidance or information.

## Strategies for Successful Language Learning

The IEP wants you to be a successful language learner. The following strategies will help you be a successful student and achieve your goals.

- Speak only **English** in your IEP classes.
- Be prepared for all of your classes – be involved in classes and actively participate.
- Be interested in the English language and in English speakers. Use English outside of the IEP classroom.
- Develop methods to organize your language learning – recognize that you will use different methods to learn the skills of reading, writing, listening, and speaking.

- Be willing to practice, practice, practice!
- Ask your teachers for help whenever you don't understand assignments or tasks. Meet with your teachers during their office hours when you need help.
- Be willing to take risks – don't be afraid to make mistakes!
- Be aware of *how* you are using the language – develop your ability to assess your language strengths and weaknesses.
- ENJOY learning the language and **use** it at every opportunity.



## Program Accreditation

The Intensive English Program (Language & Culture and Academic) is accredited by the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation. Therefore, you can be assured that you are studying in a quality language program.

The Georgetown IEP adheres to the standards that guide good practices in language teaching.

The *CEA Standards for English Language Programs and Institutions* serve as the foundation for English language programs that are accredited by the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation (CEA). The *CEA Standards* are designed to ensure that students receive quality English language training and focus on the following areas:

*Mission*  
*Curriculum*  
*Faculty*  
*Facilities, Equipment, and Supplies*  
*Administrative and Fiscal Capacity*  
*Student Services*  
*Recruiting*  
*Length and Structure of the Program of Study*  
*Student Achievement*  
*Student Complaints*  
*Program Development, Planning, and Review*

For a detailed description of CEA Standards

see: <http://cea-accredit.org/about-cea/standards>

For complaints against an accredited program

see: <http://cea-accredit.org/about-cea/complaints>

## Important Phone Numbers

<b>Emergency Police, Fire, or Ambulance:</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>IEP Office:</b>	<b>202-687-5978</b>
<b>SCS Security &amp; Front Desk</b>	<b>202-784-7375</b>
<b>Student Health Center:</b>	<b>202-687-2200</b>
<b>Counseling and Psychiatric Services:</b>	<b>202-687-6985</b>
<b>Office of Student Accounts:</b>	<b>202-687-7100</b>
<b>University Registrar:</b>	<b>202-687-4020</b>
<b>Housing Services:</b>	<b>202-687-4560</b>
<b>University Information Services (Help Desk)</b>	<b>202-687-4577</b>
<b>DC Police Headquarters:</b>	<b>202-727-9099</b>

## Important Email Addresses

Associate Director, IEP (Stephanie): [sg985@georgetown.edu](mailto:sg985@georgetown.edu)

International Student (F-1 Visa)  
& Immigration Advising: [elcimmigration@georgetown.edu](mailto:elcimmigration@georgetown.edu)

Program Director,  
Enrollment Management (Daniel): [dag106@georgetown.edu](mailto:dag106@georgetown.edu)