This program offers students the opportunity to:

- Improve their English in a native English speaking environment
- Prepare for the requirements and expectations of American Universities
- Adapt to American college life before starting credit-bearing classes
- Participate in cultural activities designed for the Intensive English Language Program
- Receive one-on-one advising and tutoring from instructors
- Gain confidence in personal ability in and out of the classroom

At Montana State University Billings’ Intensive English Language Program, you have the opportunity to develop your English ability to prepare for college success, to explore the great outdoors, to experience beautiful Montana, and to meet new friends while you live in one of the most English-only speaking locations in all of America.
The mission of the MSU Billings Intensive English Language Program (IELP) is to provide exemplary English language education and support tailored to enable international, whose native language is not English, to acquire college-level English language proficiency as well as academic, social, and cultural skills needed for success in U.S. higher education settings.

Program Details

IELP classes are scheduled in convenient 130-hour terms throughout the calendar year. Students may start classes during January, May or September terms and may continue participating in each additional term until they successfully achieve the desired goal for language competency, college preparation, and social & cultural skill development.

Program Calendar

IELP classes are scheduled in convenient 130-hour terms throughout the calendar year. Students may start classes during January, May or September terms and may continue participating in each additional term until they have fully achieved their individual goals for language competency, college preparation, and social & cultural skill development.

Program Costs

There are the estimated costs for each session of the IELP Program. Single room housing and other meal plan pricing options may be selected based on the student's preference. Required health insurance is also available at additional cost.

Fees: $595.55
Housing: www.msubillings.edu/reslife/
Meal Plans: www.msubillings.edu/dining/plans.html

Conditional Admission

Students applying to MSU Billings but do not have the required English language competency level, social and cultural skill development, and preparation for college level academic success may be considered for conditional/provisional admission through required attendance in this Intensive English Language Program. By successfully completing the Intensive English Language Program, students will be able to enter Montana State University Billings and continue at the previous level. When those tests are passed, students will have earned an English language competency which will qualify them to enroll in any MSU Billings degree program. The same process applies for graduate students but must complete six levels in the IELP.

Application Process

1. Complete an online International Student Application
2. Complete the International Student Application and have it approved
3. Submit the required documents
4. Submit a financial statement
5. Send official transcripts from previous schools

Application can be submitted at www.msubillings.edu/internationaladmissions

Individual Education Plan

The IELP offers classes in 130-hour sessions throughout the year. At the start of every session, an “Individual Education Plan (IEP)” is developed for each IELP student based on an assessment of the student’s current English language skill level determined by a comprehensive English Language examination and personal consultation with their IELP student advisor. The Individual Education Plan is then used to guide each student’s learning during the session to enable them to achieve specific goals for improving their English language proficiency, preparing for college level academic, and development, and preparation for college level academic success.

Placement Testing & Level Advancement

At the start of each intake session, new students will take placement tests which will define the IELP level that the student will start in the program. The student’s IELP course grades will determine whether the student should continue in the next level or continue at the previous level. Once an undergraduate student has successfully completed Level 5 of the IELP, they will take the placement test to determine if they should continue at the next level or continue at the previous level. Students will be informed of their college level English Language competency level, social and cultural skill development, and preparation for college level academic success.

Class Demographics

Average Class Size: 1-15 students/class
Countries represented in class: Bangladesh, China, India, Korea, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, Vietnam

Program Level Descriptions

Level 1
This level will provide students with foundational English skills in writing, reading, speaking, and listening.

Level 2
This level will enable students to increase their abilities in English pronunciation, reading and vocabulary, writing and grammar, oral communication, academic skills, and American culture.

Level 3
This level will allow students to synthesize English within academic writing and reading, oral communication, intercultural skills, a second level of academic writing and reading, more oral communication with an emphasis on speeches, and a course on research skills.

Level 4
This level will offer students the opportunity to participate in a university course by observation, to take a second level of intercultural skills, another level of academic writing and reading, more oral communication with an emphasis on speeches, and a course on research skills.

Level 5
This level will prepare students to enter MSU Billings undergraduate credit courses within their chosen program by offering participation in a credit course, a second level of research skills in a course for research projects, acquire PowerPoint skills, a higher level of academic writing and reading, and a final level of oral communication—upon successful completion of this level, a student’s placement test results will be equivalent to scores needed for enrollment in the required college level English composition course at MSU Billings.

Level 6
This level will prepare students to enter MSU Billings undergraduate credit courses within their chosen program. Courses will be focused on undergraduate academic writing and reading, and oral communication skills. Upon successful completion of this level, a student’s placement test results will be equivalent to scores needed for enrollment in credited undergraduate level courses at MSU Billings.

Contact Information

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