What is AEIS?
AEIS courses help international UO students who are non-native English-speakers to increase their proficiency in English for academic purposes while they are taking other classes at the University of Oregon.

AEIS courses also help students develop the skills they need for communication, cultural integration, and active participation in the academic environment of the university.

AEIS courses at the 100 level carry graduation credit (4 credits per course) and are graded. Students must obtain a C- or better in order to get credit and fulfill their requirements.

AEIS courses are taught by faculty in the American English Institute (AEI), but it is important to remember that international UO students, including those who take AEIS classes, are regular UO students.

AEIS Courses
AEIS 101
Introductory Academic Oral Communication

AEIS 102
Advanced Academic Oral Communication

AEIS 107
Reading Academic Discourse

AEIS 108
Advanced Reading Academic Discourse

AEIS 110
Introductory Academic Writing

AEIS 111
Intermediate Academic Writing

AEIS 112
Advanced Academic Writing

AEIS Requirements
All new international students must satisfy the AEIS requirement upon enrolling at the UO by completing courses based on the results of a computer-scored placement test. Students are required to complete their classes during the first year of study at the UO. According to data, students who complete their AEIS requirements during their first year at the UO graduate with higher GPAs than students who don’t.

However, students who meet at least one of the following conditions will have already satisfied the requirement:

- Students whose first language is English;
- Students with a bachelor’s degree or higher from an accredited US college or university;
- Exchange or sponsored students who are not seeking their degree from the UO;
- Students who have submitted English proficiency scores of 575 on the Paper-Based TOEFL (PBT), 88 on the Internet-Based TOEFL (IBT), or 7 on the IELTS.

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Academic English For International Students [AEIS]

How can you support your international students?

Many international students begin day one ready and able to handle academic and cultural life at the UO. Others, however, may struggle with both language and acculturation. If a student is taking AEIS courses, he/she is on a good path toward success. However, some students need extra help. Here are some resources that can help your students academically, culturally and socially:

- **AEIS Advising [192E Esslinger Hall]**: Helps students with questions about AEIS compliance and general language issues
- **Office of International Affairs**: Offers advising and activities for international students
- **Teaching and Learning Center**: Offers tutoring, workshops, and writing labs for all UO students
- **Mills International Center**: Has language circles and social events to help students integrate into campus life and strengthen their language skills
- **The Yamada Language Center**: Offers a conversation partner program that pairs students up for language exchange

What resources are available to support instructors?

In addition to a wealth of knowledge and resources at the AEI and the Office of International Affairs, the UO Teaching Effectiveness Program is also a great resource for teachers to learn how to effectively integrate international students into their classes and help them succeed. Several blogs on their Teach Blog site provide information about teaching international students:

- *AEI Surveys Faculty on 'International Student Academic Needs,' Responds to FAQs, 4/4/14*
- *UO International Enrollment Continues to Rise, Units Seek to Shore Up Support, 11/8/13*
- *International Classroom Workshop: Institutional Recommendations and Teaching Tips, 2/27/13*

What can schools and departments do to help?

AEIS classes better prepare students for your classes, yet there are a number of students who attempt to avoid their AEIS requirements by taking the TOEFL test repeatedly, hoping to exempt from their AEIS requirements.

Departments can help by requiring the completion of these requirements prior to allowing the student to declare a major. Since AEIS requirements are listed on a student’s degree audit, departments can monitor students’ completion of their AEIS courses.

Departments can also contact the American English Institute (AEI) to arrange for one of our experts to provide a workshop to your faculty about how to best support your international students. Please contact Tom Delaney, AEIS Coordinator, at tdelaney@uoregon.edu to arrange for a workshop.