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 [221 Agate 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.