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 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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