After only two months, I was confident enough to speak. I spent time with other students from other countries, and some of them became my really good friends.

"I am one of the best English courses - you have people that can support you, that can answer your questions, and if you have any concerns you can always come to them. This kind of environment has a family feeling." — Amaro N.
Intensive English Program (IEP)

For individuals who want to improve their English and experience US culture and student life on a large, traditional university campus.

All US businessmen have degrees in teaching English as a Second Language (TESL), and many have taught and traveled outside the United States.

6 levels of study (beginning to advanced)

The ELI Placement Exam on the first day of the session is used to place you in the appropriate level for each class.

Students will take 20 hours per week of instruction, and can also take part in optional classes, workshops and seminars.

Core Classes

- Reading/Writing
- Speaking/Listening
- Structure (Grammar)
- Technical English
- GRE Prep
- TOEFL Prep
- Culturally Speaking*
- English + Hospitality
- English + Engineering
- English + Business

Pathway to UA:

English+Academic Credit
- 45 hours of English instruction
- English requirement = 61-69 iBT, 5.5 IELTS, or IEP Level 5
- Tuition cost = $20,399 (estimate)
- Academic credit earned = 12-17 credit hours
- Possible start dates = January or August
- Apply for conditional admission to The University of Alabama (UA) and begin part-time study for your degree.
- Conditionally admitted students will enter the Pathway to UA program or begin full-time study for your degree in some cases.

Conditional Admission

For admission to UA's English Language Institute (ELI), students must have a high school diploma or equivalent, and if you are not a native English speaker, you must have a minimum score of 60 on the TOEFL (5.5 on IELTS). Students must also demonstrate the ability to read, write, and communicate in English to succeed in their academic studies.

Pathway to UA Program Details

Students will apply to Pathway in UA at the same time or after your admission is confirmed. Students who are admitted to the Pathway to UA program begin full-time study for the degree program.

Accreditation

The University of Alabama is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award a Bachelor's degree in the fields of English, Business, Engineering, Science, and Liberal Arts.

LIFE AT UA

Transportation

From and to the airport

The University of Alabama is easily accessible by public transportation. There are two main long-distance bus routes that go to and from Tuscaloosa. For students who live far away from the university, there are also transportation options available, such as private carpool services, local shuttle services, and car rentals.

From and to the local train or bus station

Transportation from the local train or bus station to the university campus is available at the university student activities center. There are also local bus services that run from the train station to the university campus.

Concerts, shopping, recreational activities for ELI students, including weekend trips to nearby locations (eg: beach, mountains), sports, and social events. Participate in a wide variety of cultural, academic, recreational, and social events on campus, including lectures, concerts, theatre performances and sporting events.

How to Apply for IEP Admission

After you apply

When your application is received in the IEP Office, you will receive an email with instructions on how to pay the required tuition deposit ($365) and an official acceptance letter.

Before you apply

Your application will be reviewed by the IEP Office, and you will be notified of your acceptance/deferment and financial aid, if applicable.