THE UMASS AMHERST ESL PROGRAM & SUMMER PROGRAMS PRESENTS...

THE 2019 ACADEMIC ENGLISH SUMMER PROGRAM

IMPROVE YOUR ACADEMIC ENGLISH WHILE STUDYING IN BEAUTIFUL PIONEER VALLEY

Our faculty are trained to teach English for academic purposes and will help you improve your academic English language skills, leading to greater academic success. As part of our teaching approach, we engage students in classroom activities that are relevant to real world tasks they need to accomplish as university students; such tasks include giving presentations, writing in multiple genres, leading and participating in discussions, communicating with professors and other university students, etc. Using this approach means that language learning takes place while students are engaged in expressing novel meaning, which helps students develop language fluency and gain confidence in communicating in English.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- 6 week program with 12 hours of in-class instruction per week
- Courses (non-credit) focus on key academic language skills with grammar instruction embedded
- Both comprehension and production skills are emphasized
- Up to 5 lab hours per week to practice pronunciation and vocabulary
- Weekly workshops on topics related to American culture, intercultural communication, academic culture, and how to apply to university in the US
- Curriculum incorporating project-based and task-based learning
- TOEFL & IELTS skills integrated into course design
- Opportunities to attend festivals and participate in exciting excursions throughout the New England area
- Options for full room & board available

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REQUIREMENTS

- Completion of Secondary School (equivalent of a high school diploma)
- Minimum CEFR B1 proficiency level (IELTS 4.5; TOEFL 32)
- 18 years or older

SAMPLE SCHEDULE

The daily schedule is intensive, yet flexible to allow for participation in cultural activities, trips and excursions.

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ACW=American Culture Workshop  
ASE=Academic Spoken English  
AWE=Academic Written English

For information about tuition, costs, and fees contact:  
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