Our mission is to build the English Language Proficiency of UC Irvine students so that they can excel in their coursework and benefit from a UC education.

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What is the purpose of the Program in Academic English?
The Program in Academic English strengthens students’ English skills so that they can complete the academic requirements of UCI successfully.

Who does the Program in Academic English serve?
The Program serves unique student populations who need extra English language support: upper- and lower-division undergraduate students (including those born in the United States) and international graduate students who plan to become teaching assistants. When possible and space permits, the Program also serves visiting international scholars.

Who is required to take Academic English 20 classes?
All students admitted to the University of California have achieved a high level of academic success in high school. Academic English students have typically received excellent grades in high school English courses but still have problems reading and writing academic texts. They place into the courses on the basis of their scores on the Academic English Placement Test.

Who is required to take the Academic English Placement Test?
- If your performance on the UC Analytical Writing Placement Exam (AWPE) indicates that Academic English course work would be beneficial.
- If you are an international student who has not satisfied the University Entry Level Writing Requirement.

What is the Academic English Placement Test?
The Academic English Placement Test consists of a 50 minute essay examination and a multiple-choice reading and vocabulary test. The purpose of this test is two-fold:
1. To determine which Academic English writing course(s) is/are required, if any, and...
2. To determine whether the Academic English 22A: Reading and Vocabulary course is required.

Academic English students are not permitted to enroll in the Writing 39 series until all required Academic English 20 courses have been taken.

What courses are students required to take as a result of the scores on the AE Placement Test?
If students’ scores on the Academic English Placement Test do not exempt them from the Academic English coursework, then they must enroll in the appropriate Academic English reading course (Academic English 22A) and Academic English writing course (Academic English 20A-B-C). Since these AE courses are designed to improve the students’ abilities in academic reading and writing, the courses are most beneficial if begun during the students’ first quarter at UCI.

When must students take Academic English 20?
Students must begin their assigned Academic English 20 writing courses within their first two quarters at UCI. They must take the writing courses consecutively until all Academic English requirements are met. All requirements must be completed within six quarters at UCI. Students who do not fulfill the Academic English requirement will be ineligible to enroll at UCI during their seventh quarter.

Will students receive credit and grades for their Academic English 20 courses?
Students will receive up to 12 units of credit toward their graduation requirement for Academic Writing 20 coursework. Beyond 12 units, students will receive workload credit but do not receive additional credit toward their degree. All Academic English 20 courses are graded on a Pass/No Pass basis.

What are the Academic English courses:

**Academic English 20A-B-C-D:**
Academic Writing (5 units)
These courses focus on essay writing skills, specifically on improving the ability to revise, proofread, and edit written work. Students are only required to take Academic English 20D when they need intensive instruction to gain sufficient writing proficiency required to complete Writing 39A successfully. Upon completing Academic English 20 A-B-C-(D), students take Writing 39A.