



English for Academic Purposes (EAP) Competency Short Courses and Credit-bearing Programmes

Want to improve your academic essay and assignment writing skills, or your English vocabulary and reading comprehension? Hone your academic English skills with us!

Join the EAP short courses or credit-bearing programmes, open to students, staff, and members of the public who want to improve their English skills.

Choosing between a short course and a credit-bearing programme

Both options cover the same content - the difference lies in administration. Credit-bearing programmes add academic credits to your academic transcript, making them ideal for students. Short courses offer a Certificate of Competence.

What will we focus on?

Reading & Writing:	By the end of the short course or programme, you will be able to -
To provide you with the necessary transfer skills such as writing skills, critical thinking skills, research skills and problem-solving.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• use English in an academic context;• read and summarise a variety of academic texts;• identify five different essay types;• build arguments and structure academic writing; and• write, revise and edit a variety of academic texts.
Speaking & Language:	By the end of the short course or programme, you will be able to -
To provide you with the necessary public speaking and presentation skills to enable you to participate confidently in peer and group activities, lectures, and academic tasks where presenting is involved.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• use spoken English in an academic context;• plan, organise and write a speech for a presentation;• create visual presentations to enhance your speech;• use effective and appropriate speaking and presentation techniques;• evaluate speeches, and develop your own presentation skills;• listen to a presentation for understanding and ask contextualised questions; and• expand your vocabulary and grammar to use language appropriately in context.

What are the prerequisites?

This short course or programme is ideal for anyone with -

- at least CEFR C1 Advanced level English proficiency, to be confirmed via an online English proficiency test; and
- access to a laptop or desktop computer with a good speaker and microphone as well as a reliable internet connection.

When and how will these programmes or short courses take place?

You have a choice of attending one or both EAP Reading and Writing and Speaking and Language programmes or short courses. The 2-hour sessions are presented online or in-person, once a week over 10 weeks.

Short courses open before the first contact or live online session and closes well after the last session. This allows you enough time to access the learning platforms, SUNLearn or SUNOnline.

Reading & Writing	Dates: (in-person or live online sessions)	Duration: (system opening and closing dates)	Apply and pay by:
Course 1: 1 week	from 09:00 - 13:00 on 30 June, 1, 2, 3 and 4 July	30 June to 4 July	17 June
Course 2: 1 week	from 09:00 - 13:00 on 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 July	7 to 11 July	23 June
Course 3: 10 weeks	from 14:00 - 16:00 on 28 July, 4, 11, 18, 25 August, 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 September	28 July to 17 October	14 July
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What is required from you to be awarded a certificate?

- Attend and participate actively during all the contact and/or live online sessions
- Submit all the assignments by the due date
- 60% pass mark for both theory and practice components
- Less than 10% absence without a valid reason

What is the cost?

R3 472 per participant for the **Speaking and Language** programme or short course.

R3 472 per participant for the **Reading and Writing** programme or short course.

You will also have to **purchase the following book** from Van Schaik's bookstore on campus before the starting date:

Academic English - Reading and Writing Across the Disciplines. Pearson. ISBN 9781787260849

- All fees are payable before the course or programme starts
- We will present a course or programme only if the required minimum candidates have paid and confirmed attendance
- Short course participants do not receive access to university facilities such as computer labs or the library

Information for international students:		
R5 415	This is a non-refundable International Registration Fee , which includes a welcome pack; printing your student card; orientation and campus tour; once-off one-way airport pick-up on arrival; assistance with accommodation options; and immigration assistance including visa and medical insurance inquiries.	
Invoice & deposit	After your application is processed, you will receive an invoice with a non-refundable deposit covering the registration and programme fees, depending on your level and study period.	
Fees due by	All fees stipulated in the letter of admission are payable before the programme starts.	
Levels	If you want to apply for further levels, the fees for that level must be paid 14 days before the start of the level	
Health insurance	Choose from the South African providers. Insurers need your admission letter to confirm your student status when applying for medical insurance.	CompCare Wellness
		Momentum Health
Housing	Apply well ahead before visiting, as housing availability in Stellenbosch is limited. Contact the Housing coordinator at SU International Office.	Arlynn Fielies interhouse@sun.ac.za
Airport transfer	After booking your flight, complete the online arrival sheet at least 72 hours before arrival to arrange a one-way airport pickup. For departure transfers, visit the webpage for details.	Lushane Alexander suiarrivals@sun.ac.za

Are you interested?

Credit-bearing programmes - please click on [this link](#) and fill in the sign-up form

Short courses - please click on [this link](#) and fill in the sign-up form

We will send you further instructions after receiving your form.

Further questions?

Contact Michelle Pieters at michellep@sun.ac.za or 021 808 2812 for more details. You could also discuss your specific short course and development needs with us. Enquire about our available short courses, course dates, and options for tailor-making a course.