

The AEC Achievement Scale

This chart describes the learning outcomes you are required to achieve at each level. More detailed information about each course will be given to you on the Course Policy Sheets at the beginning of each semester. For more information on progression through the program, see the section titled Placement in Classes and Progression Through the Program.

AEC Level	CEFR Alignment	Descriptors
Basic	A1	<p>Basic English is a fully-integrated English as a Second Language course designed for students at the lowest level of English proficiency. The purpose of this course is to help students develop and strengthen their English skills in reading, writing, speaking, listening, grammar and vocabulary, and to prepare them for academic English learning at higher levels. By the end of this course, students will be able to produce language at an A1 CEFR proficiency level. Specifically, students will be able to understand and use familiar everyday expressions and very basic phrases in both speech and writing. Students will also be able to interact in a simple way provided the other person talks slowly and clearly.</p>
Level 1	A2	<p>Reading/Writing/Grammar: Students in Level 1 Reading/Writing/Grammar are at the beginning of English for Academic Purposes study. The purpose of this course is to help students develop and strengthen their English skills in reading, writing, grammar and vocabulary, and to prepare them for academic English learning at higher levels. By the end of this course, students will be able to produce written language at the A2 CEFR proficiency level. Specifically, students will be able to communicate and understand simple, foundational English relevant to academic study.</p> <p>Listening/Speaking/Grammar: Students in Level 1 Listening/Speaking/Grammar are at the beginning of English for Academic Purposes study. The purpose of this course is to help students develop and strengthen their English skills in listening, speaking, grammar and vocabulary, and to prepare them for academic English learning at higher levels. By the end of this course, students will be able to produce language at the A2 CEFR proficiency level. Specifically, students will be able to communicate and understand simple, foundational English relevant to academic study.</p>
Level 2	B1	<p>Reading/Writing/Grammar: Students in Level 2 Reading/Writing/Grammar are at a high-beginning/low-intermediate level of English for Academic Purposes study. The purpose of this course is to help students develop and strengthen their English skills in reading, writing, grammar and vocabulary, and to prepare them for academic English learning at higher levels. By the end of this course, students will be able to produce language at the B1 CEFR proficiency level. Specifically, students will be able to understand the main points of clear standard input regularly encountered in academic study and produce simple connected text on relevant topics.</p>

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Level 3	B2	<p>Reading/Writing/Grammar: Students in Level 3 Reading/Writing/Grammar are at an intermediate level of English for Academic Purposes study. The purpose of this course is to help students develop and strengthen their English skills in reading, writing, grammar and vocabulary, and to prepare them for academic English learning at higher levels. By the end of this course, students will be able to produce language at the B2 CEFR proficiency level. Specifically, students will be able to understand the main ideas of complex text on both concrete and abstract topics and will be able to produce clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects.</p> <p>Listening/Speaking/Grammar: Students in Level 3 Listening/Speaking/Grammar are at an intermediate level of English for Academic Purposes study. The purpose of this course is to help students develop and strengthen their English skills in listening, speaking, grammar and vocabulary, and to prepare them for academic English learning at higher levels. By the end of this course, students will be able to produce language at the B2 CEFR proficiency level. Specifically, students will be able to understand the main ideas of lectures on both concrete and abstract topics and will be able to interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers possible.</p>
Level 4	B2/C1	<p>Reading/Writing/Grammar: Students in Level 4 Reading/Writing/Grammar are at a low advanced level of English for Academic Purposes study. The purpose of this course is to help students develop and strengthen their English skills in reading, writing, grammar and vocabulary, and to prepare them for academic English learning at higher levels. By the end of this course, students will be able to produce language at the B2/C1 CEFR proficiency level. Specifically, students will be able to understand the main ideas of complex text on both concrete and abstract topics and begin to recognize implicit meaning. Students will also be able to produce clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects and begin to demonstrate control of organizational patterns, connectors and cohesive devices.</p>

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Level 5	C1	<p>Reading/Writing/Grammar: Students in Level 5 Reading/Writing/Grammar are at an advanced and final level of English for Academic Purposes study. The purpose of this course is to help students strengthen and refine their English skills in reading, writing, grammar and vocabulary. By the end of this course, students will be able to produce language at the C1 CEFR proficiency level. Specifically, students will be able to understand a wide range of demanding, longer texts, and recognize implicit meaning and will be able to use language flexibly and effectively for academic purposes. Students will also be able to produce clear, well-structured detailed texts showing controlled use of organizational patterns, connectors and cohesive devices.</p> <p>Listening/Speaking/Grammar: Students in Level 5 Listening/Speaking/Grammar are at an advanced and final level of English for Academic Purposes study. The purpose of this course is to help students strengthen and refine their English skills in listening, speaking, grammar and vocabulary. By the end of this course, students will be able to produce language at the C1 CEFR proficiency level. Specifically, students will be able to understand a wide range of demanding, longer speech and recognize implicit meaning in lectures on both concrete and abstract topics. Students will also be able to express themselves fluently and spontaneously and use language flexibly and effectively for academic purposes.</p>