UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

INTENSIVE
ENGLISH PROGRAM

Intensive English Program
The University of Miami is a private research university known for academic excellence and commitment to students of all ages, backgrounds and cultures.

For more than 60 years on our main campus in Coral Gables, Florida, the prestigious Intensive English Program (IEP) has prepared students from around the world in English as a second language.

The mission of the University of Miami Intensive English Program is to prepare international students to enter a university in the U.S. by providing instruction in English language and academic study skills. The IEP also helps its international students adapt to university life and American culture. The program facilitates intercultural understanding, offers support and guidance related to non-academic issues, and builds ease and confidence in a new culture.

The Intensive English Program serves the University of Miami by recruiting students and preparing them for academic study, and by providing language support services to the university community.
Our program is successful for many reasons:

- Small class sizes allow students many opportunities to participate in meaningful class activities and creates a comfortable class environment.
- Skills-based curriculum integrates reading and writing, listening and speaking into one complete program of study.
- Classes vary by level; focusing on the needs of language learners of varying proficiency levels.
- Elective classes may include targeted skills, such as pronunciation, or integrated skills, like puppetry.
- IEP faculty are highly dedicated and personally committed to your success in English.
- Complete program includes study skills and academic advising.
- Conditional admission to UM for academically qualified students.
- Special events and activities involve IEP students in UM and American cultural life.
- The first nationally-accredited, university-based IEP program in Miami.
My Experience at IEP

Oday Al Hamzah, Saudi Arabia
“An important turning-point in my life was the day I became an IEP student. In addition to English, I learned how to speak out my thoughts, communicate and make friends with people from all over the world. I also learned about their different cultures. I learned to understand and respect them. IEP makes me want to be an English student forever, so I don’t have to leave that wonderful place. ”

Maeva Lesparre, France
“The IEP was for me an incredible experience. It helped me to improve my English as well as make friends from all over the world. Teachers are great and really want you to succeed. Thumbs up for the IEP!”

Natalie Yaonan Song, China
“First of all, IEP has a group of great professors. You can really feel that they are there for you and they help you to succeed. Moreover, IEP is a great transition for international students. What I learned was not only English, but also how to integrate into the university community and learn from different cultures. Great academic standards and fun activities, what more can I ask for?”

Eugenio Arranz Garrido, Spain
“Coming from Spain with very poor English skills I can proudly say that the IEP was the best start of my English learning. I learned about new cultures and made great friends. My English improvement went beyond my own expectations! The warmth felt at the IEP from teachers and classmates I could easily compare with the one given by a family, it really helped while adapting to the new environment that the U.S. offers.”
Hyungkook Joo, Korea
“I was at the University of Miami Intensive English Program for two semesters. I will never forget the valuable experience that I had in the IEP of UM. I loved IEP’s classes a lot because of great teachers and the way to learn. Furthermore, activities the IEP offered chances to make friends easily, and to enjoy life in Miami. In the IEP, you can meet a lot of international students from all over the world.”

Yoshie Ishikawa, Japan
“I learned not only English, but a lot of things such as American culture and cultural differences among students from various countries through the IEP program. I made nice friends from all over the world whom I still keep in touch with. IEP is like a bridge which connects the world. One more thing I have to stress is all the faculty and staff at IEP were very incredible and helpful for all students. I really thank them still now because I would neither improve English nor enjoy the entire program without their help. Life at IEP is an unforgettable and wonderful memory for me.”

Mariel Espejo, Venezuela
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Cengiz Duran, Turkey
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With a rich blend of languages and cultural interactions, our campus is ideal for listening to and understanding English from all corners of the United States. Students can practice their English with native speakers and new friends.

Our suburban campus is not far from the vibrant center of Miami. Culture, music and fun are plentiful in the famed locales of South Beach and Coconut Grove. The IEP also sponsors field trips, parties, cultural events, and recreational activities.

IEP students live the “American experience.”
Course Descriptions

IEP offers a variety of courses that allow you to acquire and practice your English both orally and written.

Oral Communication
Students practice both listening and speaking. Activities include participating in conversations, giving presentations and taking notes on academic lectures.
All levels.

Written Communication
Students learn to organize and write their ideas using effective grammar, coherent paragraphs and simple essays.
Levels 1-3.

Workshop
Students concentrate on conversation and reading skills that need focused attention.
Levels 1-3.

Reading
Students develop and practice reading comprehension skills, such as skimming and scanning, predicting, and understanding the main idea of a text.
Levels 1-3.

Reading and Writing
Students further develop reading comprehension skills and use reading texts as models for their own writing.
Levels 4-5.

Selected Topics
Students use English to study a subject, like business, or practice a language skill, such as pronunciation.
Levels 4-5.
• Miami boasts over fifteen miles of beautiful, sandy beaches.

• Miami’s average annual temperature is 23 degrees Celsius with nearly year-round sunshine.

• Greater Miami-Dade is proud to be home to four professional sports teams: the Florida Marlins (baseball), the Miami Dolphins (football), the Miami Heat (basketball) and the Florida Panthers (hockey).

• Outdoor activities abound! Visitors can sail on Biscayne Bay, hike in the Everglades National Park or dive in the Atlantic or the Florida Keys.

• Students can enjoy Miami’s diverse neighborhoods, including the elegant shopping of Coral Gables, the trendy restaurants and lounges of Coconut Grove and the clubs and culture of South Beach.