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INTENSIVE ENGLISH PROGRAMME

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The mission of the Intensive English Program (IEP) at Curtin University Malaysia is to prepare students for university study in English by assisting students to:

• improve English proficiency in listening, reading, writing and speaking skills
• interact with English speakers in everyday and professional situations
• gain an awareness of the culture of Malaysian/Australian university life.

The IEP is committed to maintaining a professional teaching and administrative staff and to following ethical standards in all areas. The IEP is also dedicated to establishing supportive lecturer-student relationships, fostering an atmosphere of openness among cultures, and collaborating with the Curtin University Malaysia community to serve all students.

A Placement Test is administered to determine students’ command of English. Based on the test results, students are placed at the appropriate IEP level.

The IEP consists of Level 1, Level 2, Level 3 and Level 4. The course consists of 20 contact hours per week. There are four intakes/terms a year. Each term comprises 10 weeks (9 teaching weeks + final week of exams).

Entry equivalent to IELTS 3.0
Entry equivalent to IELTS 3.5
Entry equivalent to IELTS 4.0
Entry equivalent to IELTS 4.5

Level 1
Level 2
Level 3
Level 4
Exit: Equivalent to IELTS 5.0

*The English Entry requirement for Degree courses in July 2013 intake onwards is IELTS 6.5
INTENSIVE ENGLISH PROGRAMME LEVEL

Levels 1-2 (Elementary – Lower Intermediate)

This level provides learners with the basics of English in grammar, reading, writing, speaking and listening. This track will be useful to all learners who want to improve their English communication skills no matter what their goals are for studying English.

Upon successful completion of this level, students will be able to:

• understand basic English sentence structures
• write simple and compound sentences using simple present and past tense
• read and understand ESL beginner passages
• speak on a variety of topics such as daily activities, plans, likes and dislikes, and past experiences
• use listening strategies to improve their listening comprehension
• develop their pronunciation, including English rhythm, intonation, consonant sounds and vowel sounds

Levels 3 (Intermediate)

Students continue to develop fluency and accuracy. Course work focuses on comprehensive skills as well as academic preparation skills, including the fundamentals of essay writing and the development of critical reading and listening skills.

Upon successful completion of this level, students will be able to:

• practice speaking and listening for practical and academic conversational situations
• listen and respond to simple ESL lectures on academic topics
• give 4-6 minute presentations and participate in a variety of speaking tasks using simple present, past, and future tenses
• use North American and English/British pronunciation including word stress, reductions, sentence stress, rhythm, intonation patterns, consonant and vowel sounds

Levels 4 (Advanced)

At this level, students will focus on vocabulary expansion, pronunciation, advanced grammar structures, and extensive reading and writing.

Upon successful completion of this level, students will be able to:

• develop skills, strategies and vocabulary for reading academic passages
• develop summarizing and critical thinking skills
• understand university-style lectures or talks
• write descriptive reports and essays using academic requirement norms

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of the Intensive English Program, students will be able to:

• engage in spoken communication in a variety of contexts using correct pronunciation and intonation
• develop skills and strategies for reading academic and non-academic texts
• produce clear and coherent written texts
• demonstrate use of correct grammatical structures and vocabulary in spoken and written contexts
LIFE AT CURTIN

ON CAMPUS
You can find almost everything you need on our campus, including a choice of food outlets, ATM machines, campus bookshop, convenience shop, health and first aid centre, and a mousallah.

You will also have access to our campus recreation and sporting facilities which include an indoor basketball court, badminton courts, gym facilities; football field, rugby field, cricket batting pitch, outdoor basketball court, tennis courts, and a Multi Purpose Hall for volleyball and indoor Futsal/football games. For joggers, a custom-made jogging track lines the campus’ picturesque lakes.

The city’s major commercial areas and popular recreation spots are accessible via services from the neighbourhood bus stops or via hired taxi services.

SHUTTLE SERVICE
Free shuttle buses operate between the campus and the Curtin Village, Curtin Villa and Curtin Water student housing areas where students can connect to the public bus service.

STUDENT CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES
Our student clubs cater to a wide range of interests, including academic, social, sports, spiritual and recreation. Currently there are over 30 student clubs and voluntary student organisations on campus. There are also student-run organisations such as Curtin Volunteers! and Curtin E-Fact, that give students, staff and the community an opportunity to be jointly involved in various community projects and leadership and entrepreneurship initiatives.

ACCOMMODATIONS TO SUIT YOUR NEEDS
If you need a place to stay, we can help you find accommodation either on or off our campus. Safe, comfortable and modern accommodation is available to suit a range of budgets.

Curtin Malaysia currently has four student accommodation options: Lakeside Apartments I & II (within the campus); Curtin Villa and Curtin Water I & II (in the immediate neighbourhood).

Alternatively, Housing Services can assist you to arrange private accommodation close to the campus. Rental will vary depending on the type of accommodation and location.

ON-CAMPUS ACCOMMODATION
Our on-campus accommodation is a popular way to stay close to the campus and reap all the benefits. Due to high demand, we recommend you apply for student housing as soon as you apply to study at Curtin Malaysia.

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