


Preparing new students with Academic and English literacies

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Re-designing EAP

- **Project:** update EAP
 - **Considerations:** 5-week intakes from 5 to 20 weeks, preparation for up to IELTS 6.5
 - **Cohort:** primarily Chinese and Indian students, articulating into business, engineering and IT
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Program structure

Previous: 6 subjects for 4 intakes

New: 5-week subjects with clear entry and exit points,
streams based on where students need to finish

EAP Advanced

EAP Intermediate

IELTS 5.0
(no band less
than 5.0)

IELTS 5.5
(no band less
than 5.0)

IELTS 5.5
(no band less
than 5.5)

IELTS 6.0
(no band less
than 5.5)

IELTS 6.0
(no band less
than 6.0)

IELTS 6.5
(with bands less
than 6.0)

IELTS 6.5
(no band less
than 6.0)

EAAPP1103
5 weeks
100 hours

EAAPP1104
5 weeks
100 hours

EAAPP2101
5 weeks
100 hours

EAAPP2102
5 weeks
100 hours

EAAPP3101
5 weeks
100 hours

EAAPP3102
5 weeks
100 hours

Differentiated assessment for Undergraduate and Postgraduate

Benefits

- Can cater for wide range of exit and entry points
- Clear learning outcomes
- More flexible, easily able to increase range of language levels catered for

Benchmarking curriculum

- Entry to Higher Ed programs based on IELTS
- Pearson Global Scale of English (GSE), Academic
 - Clear links to IELTS and other global standards
 - Concrete skill descriptors in key learning areas
 - Linked to Pearson Placement Test



Building curriculum

- Mapped GSE to IELTS
- Collated GSE descriptors for each level, esp. academic
- Built assessment tasks that are connected to GSE descriptors and are relevant for future study

Benefits

- Benchmarked against relevant global standards
- Allows flexibility in teaching and learning (adaptable for different cohorts)
- Easily portable to a range of locations (Ballarat, Berwick, Gippsland)

Moodle

- Currently working on how to make best use of Moodle
- Some assessment submitted online
- Training students to navigate and use Moodle (standard for all Fed Uni programs)

Resources

Pearson GSE: <http://www.english.com/gse>

Score Converter: <http://www.english.com/gsescoreconverter/>

Versant Placement Test:

<http://www.versanttests.com/products/englishplacement>