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
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 5.5) | 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) |
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| 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