Preparing new students with Academic and English literacies

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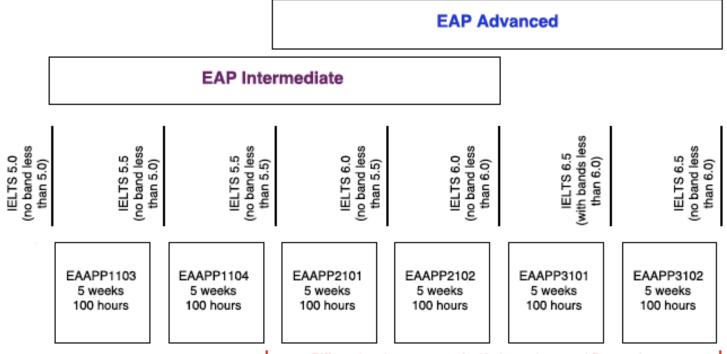
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Re-designing EAP

- **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



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