

CURRICULUM

The INTERLINK curriculum emphasizes independent language learning, academic preparation, and cultural awareness; the language component of the curriculum focuses on listening, speaking, reading, writing, and skills necessary for successful academic and social adjustment in the U.S.

	M	T	W	TH	F
Reading & Writing	X	X	X	X	X
Communication & Structure	X	X	X	X	X
Modules	X		X		X

a) Core Courses (20 hours per week)

- These courses are offered at five different levels of proficiency in nine-week sessions; they study Communication/Structure (C/S) and Reading/Writing (R/W) each a 10 hour block per week.
- At the elementary levels, an integrated skills approach is used in each class. In these levels the students receive a strong foundation in four language skill areas: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Instructors work together to provide learning experiences which integrate these four language skills in every class.
- In the intermediate level courses of Communication/Structure and Reading/Writing, students build on the strong foundation achieved in the integrated skills classes. At these levels students develop strong reading skills to increase reading speed, comprehension, and vocabulary. In writing, students learn how to compose essays in different rhetorical modes. Communication skills are refined to the point that students are able to discuss topics and make oral presentations.
- In the advanced Academic Preparation classes, students are exposed to materials/assignments which equip them with the skills necessary for success in the college/university environment. In these levels students are expected to understand and take notes on lectures, participate in discussions, make presentations, do library research, write research papers, and read sources related to their fields of study. At these advanced levels, students have the opportunity to take concurrent

university classes for audit or credit.

b) “Modules” (1 – 3 hours/week)

- In addition to the core courses, students take have options for classroom modules on selected topics, and for community activity modules that involve social and educational activities.
- Topics change from term to term; they usually cover a wide range of subjects such as current events, movies, and cultural topics.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Courses	Course Content	Levels				
		I	II	III	IV	V
Reading & Writing (10 hrs/wk)	Vocabulary & Idioms	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Reading Speed & Comprehension	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Critical Reading & Analysis			✓	✓	✓
	Composition Skills	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Essay Writing			✓	✓	
	Outlining & Summarizing			✓	✓	✓
	Advanced Writing Skills					✓
	Library Research & Research Writing				✓	✓
	University Courses					✓
	Learning Strategies & Study Skills		✓	✓	✓	✓
Communication Skills (10 hrs/wk)	Pronunciation/Listening/Speaking	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Speeches & Panel Discussions			✓	✓	✓
	Grammar	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Academic Lectures & Note-Taking				✓	✓
	Student Video Presentations			✓	✓	✓
Modules	Cultural Differences					
	Language through Movies					
	Grammar in writing					
	Current Events					
	Computers/Internet					

