Intensive English Institute
Brief Course Descriptions

Level 200 (High Beginner)

Level 200 Courses
(All courses are required courses at level 200.)

1. **Listening and Speaking** (5 hours/week)
This course focuses on developing students' skills in understanding and using conversational English in many everyday situations. Tasks include placing a simple order at a restaurant, making a doctor's appointment, and interacting with salespeople. At this level, students also review basic listening skills such as listening for the gist/details, and practice listening to and understanding the speaker's attitude and basic relationships between facts, people, and ideas.

2. **Grammar** (5 hours/week)
The general focus of this class is on developing students’ skills to use a variety of parts of speech and simple complex sentences in expressing ideas in spoken and written English. Class time is spent examining written and oral texts of English -- from the textbook, and selections from newspapers, magazines, the internet, radio, television, etc. -- to understand these grammatical systems. The writing of class members is also examined.

3. **Reading** (5 hours/week)
In this class, students work on developing vocabulary families (travel, geography, health, business, etc.) and read different types of texts. Students practice vocabulary and answer basic comprehension questions by writing about the reading texts. Students are given opportunities to discuss what they have read in class. Student practice writing about topics from their readings. Students work to organize ideas into clear paragraphs with correct punctuation. Students learn to develop and support a topic sentence with evidence, examples, and/or details.

4. **Pronunciation** (5 hours/week)
Students learn how to improve their understanding and production of consonant and vowel sounds, as well as rhythm, stress, and intonation. Students work on accurate pronunciation at the sound-, word-, and phrase-level.