Intensive English Institute  
Brief Course Descriptions

**Level 300 courses (Intermediate)**  
(All courses are required courses at level 300.)

1. **Listening, Speaking and Pronunciation**  (6 hours/week)  
This course develops students' skills in understanding and using English in a variety of conversational and informational settings. Students perform real-world tasks such as obtaining information over the phone, finding an apartment, and making travel plans. Particular attention is given to skills such as explaining problems and giving instructions about how to fix a problem. Further, students work on improving their pronunciation through guided, individual sound practice and in-class activities on stress, intonation, and natural speech phenomena. At this level, students also practice listening for a speaker’s attitude and position, and for fairly complex relationships between facts, people, and ideas.

2. **Grammar**  (5 hours/week)  
The general focus of this class is on clarifying and broadening the students' understanding of the major grammatical systems of English by comparing what is in their textbook, what they find in other sources, and what they already know. Class time is spent discovering and/or reviewing grammatical points, examining written and spoken English – from the textbook, newspapers, magazines, the internet, radio/television, etc. – to understand what choices are available in building English sentences, and the effect different choices may have on meaning in different contexts. The writing of class members is also examined.

3. **Reading**  (5 hours/week)  
This class works to develop basic reading skills for overall comprehension. Students focus on vocabulary, the structure of the texts they are reading, relationships between ideas, and different purposes for reading. Students practice vocabulary and answer basic and more complex comprehension questions in writing assignments. Students are also given opportunities to discuss what they have read in class.

4. **Writing**  (4 hours/week)  
In this class, students learn the basics of such writing processes as generating and organizing ideas, the actual writing of paragraphs, and editing/re-writing their work. Both general English language skills as well as specific writing skills will be covered in this class.