The goal of Test Prep course is for students to learn language and test-taking skills that are essential for international English language exams such as IELTS or TOEFL ibT. This course is designed for high-intermediate and advanced level students who are interested in taking these exams and need more practice and instruction to improve their test performance. By the end of Test Prep, students will be able to:

--Understand the test format of IELTS and/or TOEFL ibT exam

--Identify their own strengths and weaknesses on the different sections (i.e., Listening, Reading, Writing, and Speaking) of IELTS and/or TOEFL ibT exam

--demonstrate content knowledge, skills and strategies relevant to achieving American college entry-level band scores/grades in IELTS and/or TOEFL ibT exam

--Increase academic vocabulary

### Test Prep Teaching Objectives:

1. To teach test-taking skills that related to the Listening section of the IELTS and/or TOEFL ibT exam:
   1.1. Understand the main ideas and detailed factual information.
   1.2. Understand the opinions and attitudes of speakers.
   1.3. Understand the purpose of an utterance.
   1.4. Demonstrate evidence of the ability to follow the development of ideas.

2. To teach test-taking skills that related to the Reading section of the IELTS and/or TOEFL ibT exam:
   2.1. Recognize gist and main ideas.
   2.2. Identify major and minor details.
   2.3. Speed reading and skimming.
   2.4. Understand logical argument.
   2.5. Recognize writers' opinions, attitudes and purpose.

3. To teach test-taking skills that related to the Writing section of the IELTS and/or TOEFL ibT exam:
   3.1. Identify and summarize pertinent information found in charts, graphs, and maps.
   3.2. Write essay responses based on reading and listening tasks.
   3.3. Construct a formal academic essay in response to a point of view, argument or problem

4. To teach test-taking skills that related to the Speaking section of the IELTS and/or TOEFL ibT exam:
   4.1. Express an opinion on a familiar topic;
   4.2. Speak based on reading and listening tasks.

5. To teach academic vocabulary that related to the IELTS and/or TOEFL ibT exam:

### Course Evaluation

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Test Prep Student Learning Outcomes to Formally Assess:

Students will be able to:

- Demonstrate understanding of the test format of IELTS and/or TOEFL iBT exam.
- Paraphrase, summarize or explain recorded conversations and lectures in social and academic settings as needed for the IELTS/TOEFL listening tasks.
- Paraphrase, summarize or authentic academic texts as needed for the IELTS/TOEFL reading tasks.
- Demonstrate coherence, lexical resource, grammatical accuracy and range, and pronunciations of English as needed for the IELTS/TOEFL speaking tasks.
- Demonstrate task achievement, ideas and evidence, coherence and cohesion, lexical resources, and grammatical accuracy and range as needed for the IELTS/TOEFL writing tasks.

Grading Scale

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The student demonstrates level-appropriate English ability that is generally accurate and is characterized by competence in the SLOs listed above.  

The student does not demonstrate level-appropriate English ability and is incompetent in the SLOs listed above.

Test Prep Requirements Passing

1. Students must pass the class with a cumulative grade of C- (71%) or better.