



AN IMPORTANT QUESTION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS WHO WANT TO ATTEND AN AMERICAN UNIVERSITY...

# How Would You Rate Your English Language Skills Today – Good, Bad, or Terrible?



Now the University of Maryland Intensive English Program Can Boost Your English Speaking and Writing to the Next Level in Less Than 12 Months!

- Become proficient in writing and speaking English – rapidly and enjoyably.
- Get accepted as a college student – and earn your degree from an American University.
- Take that degree home – and turn it into your dream job with great pay.



# The Intensive English Program

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND



The United States is universally recognized as having the finest universities on the planet: According to the Academic Ranking of World Universities, 7 of the top 10 universities are located in America.<sup>1</sup>

A survey from the Institute of International Education found that 75% of prospective students worldwide said the U.S. has the highest quality higher education system – and an American university is their top preference for getting a college degree.<sup>2</sup>

When you want to study in the United States, the ability to speak fluently and write grammatically correct English is critical to getting accepted at an accredited university. Skill in English can also make your time as a student in a U.S. college easier and more productive.

When you know English, you'll be more confident and comfortable living and going to school in America. You'll be better prepared to pass the TOEFL or IELTS tests needed to study full-time

or work in certain professions. And with a degree from a U.S. university, you will have an easier time getting a rewarding and high-paying job in your profession of choice.

## That's where our Intensive English Program can help.

The Intensive English Program (IEP), conducted at the University of Maryland – the premier university in the state – is designed to improve your English language skills at an accelerated pace ... making learning both efficient and fun!

If your English skills are at an intermediate level, for instance, you can reasonably expect to make sufficient progress in 12 months to be ready for full-time academic study.

That's because at the Maryland English Institute (MEI), you get attention from expert teachers – both one-on-one and in small classes – in a friendly learning community. Since 1980, we have served students from 65 countries who between them speak 39 different languages.

## Only the Maryland English Institute gives you all these advantages:

U.S. News reports that over the past decade, the number of international students studying in the U.S. has increased 40%.<sup>3</sup>



<sup>1</sup> <http://www.shanghairanking.com/>

<sup>2</sup> Institute of International Education (IIE), May 2011: *What International Students Think About U.S. Higher Education: Attitudes and Perceptions of Prospective Students in Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America*

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/articles/2013/11/11/us-sees-record-number-of-international-college-students> USNews, November 11, 2013: *U.S. Sees Record Number of International College Students*





And there is no better place than MEI to gain the English competency you need to attend an American university. That's because only MEI gives you all these advantages:

- Expert, patient teachers. The MEI staff takes the time to diagnose each student's strengths and weaknesses ... and tailor teaching to help you reach your desired level of competence.
- Entertaining instruction. While learning language can be boring, our lessons are lively, creative, and fun. Instead of struggling to master English, you'll actually look forward to coming to classes!
- Small class sizes. Having a greater teacher-to-student ratio guarantees you individual attention and plenty of practice time.
- The latest learning technology. Computer-assisted language learning enables you to learn at your own pace.
- Learn by doing. You are immersed in the English language which you practice every day, all day.
- Broaden your circle of friends. Make new friends from around the world and learn about their diverse cultures.

## Why do so many students attend the Maryland English Institute before applying to American universities?

Because American universities won't accept you as a student unless you know English ... and many international students don't write or speak English well enough to get in.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the number of people in the U.S. who speak little or no English has grown by 81 percent since 1990. Many of these are native Spanish speakers, but many are Korean, Vietnamese and Chinese speakers. Meanwhile, Fox News reports that America is the number one destination of Chinese students looking for a college education.<sup>4</sup>

The Maryland English Institute (MEI), which is part of the College of Education at the University of Maryland (UM), provides English language instruction at the university and college level.

Our students are speakers of other languages who want to learn English for academic, professional, or personal purposes – in particular, to become proficient enough in English to enroll in any American university.

MEI is a member of the University and College Intensive English Programs (UCIEP) and accredited by the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation (CEA).

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2013/11/11/record-number-foreign-students-flocking-to-american-colleges-study-says/> Fox News, November 11, 2013: *Record number of foreign students flocking to American colleges, study says*

# MEI Semester Programs

FALL, SPRING, AND SUMMER



## MEI Semester Programs

MEI offers courses during the fall, spring, and summer. The fall and spring courses run for 14 weeks. The summer course runs for 7 weeks.

All courses are taught by a professionally trained teachers. Teachers hold at least a Master's degree in teaching English as a second language, applied linguistics, or a related field.

Most MEI instructors have taught abroad and mastered a foreign language. They believe that their own experience in learning a foreign language helps them to better understand the challenges you face in mastering English.



## About the MEI Fall and Spring Programs

The intensive fall program runs 14 weeks from August 28, 2014 to December 10, 2014. There are five levels of instruction – from beginner to advanced. They run in two course tracks:

- Reading, Writing and Grammar – Monday through Friday, 3 hours a day.
- Listening and Speaking – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 2 hours a day

Field trips and special purpose classes are offered throughout the semester.

You can find details on these programs at: [mei.umd.edu/english-programs/intensive-english](http://mei.umd.edu/english-programs/intensive-english).

## About the MEI Summer Program

The intensive summer program runs 7 weeks from June 9, 2014 through July 25, 2014. The weekly schedule is shown below.

### MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY

9:00 AM to 12:30 PM	Integrated English
12:30 to 1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 to 3:30 PM	Electives
3:30 to Evening	Guided Activities

### FRIDAYS

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Electives
1:00 to 2:00 PM	Lunch
2:00 to Evening	Guided Activities

### EVERY OTHER WEEKEND

Saturday or Sat-Sunday	Guided Trips
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■ [mei.umd.edu](http://mei.umd.edu)



# A Curriculum That Turns You Into a Confident English Speaker and Writer



## Integrated English

The core of MEI's summer program. You learn speaking, listening, grammar, vocabulary, reading, and writing in small classes with a friendly, supportive atmosphere. You'll have virtually unlimited opportunity to speak, ask questions, and get expert feedback.

## Get Ready for Enrollment at an American University

Are you planning to study at an American university? This class focuses on the advanced fluency skills you need to succeed in a typical American university setting.

## Improve Your Score on IELTS or TOEFL

Do you need to boost your TOEFL scores? You'll receive comprehensive training in the skills the TOEFL test demands. You'll also learn proven test-taking strategies and review the thinking that went into creating the test. And you'll emerge with the ability to earn the TOEFL score required to get into the university of your choice.

## Become a More Powerful Business Communicator

For business students or practicing professionals. Polish your presentation skills, develop your discussion skills, and gain confidence in handling common business tasks.

## Improve Your English Pronunciation

Do others have trouble understanding your English? This course helps you focus on what's most important in the pronunciation of American English. You'll spend time working on those pronunciation features that will most help you be more easily understood.

## Use English in Everyday Conversation

Do you wish that you could just open your mouth and talk in English? This course will help you develop your conversation skills and become a more fluent and confident speaker.

## Improve Your Grammar

Do you feel you need extra attention to your English grammar, but have had enough of drills and exercises? This course will help you improve your grammatical accuracy, a skill directly linked to career success: One study found that professionals with minimal grammar errors in their LinkedIn profiles rise higher up the corporate ladder and are promoted more frequently.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> <http://blogs.hbr.org/2013/03/good-grammar-should-be-everyon/> HBR (Harvard Business Review) blog, March 4, 2013: *Good Grammar Should Be Everyone's Business* by Brad Hoover

# About the **University of Maryland**

The University of Maryland (UM) is among the top ten institutions nationally in faculty Fulbright awards and in hosting international Fulbright faculty.

In addition, UM is ranked number 14 among public universities by Forbes – and in the top 20 research institutions for international students. The campus, located just minutes from Washington DC, is also rated as one of the top “green” campuses in the country.

UM provides a focus for scholarly research and discussion on international policy and global issues, involving more than 4,000 international visitors each year. Over 100 centers, institutes, and programs link academic disciplines and international activities with universities, governments, corporations, and businesses around the globe.

## **Enjoying Campus Life at UM**

The University of Maryland is located in College Park, Maryland on the east coast of the USA, approximately 16 kilometers from the nation’s capital, Washington, D.C., with its famous cultural attractions and museums just a short Metro ride away. Three major airports serve this area: Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, Dulles International Airport, and Baltimore/ Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport.

## **Guided Activities and Trips for Improving Your English**

Guided activities give you the chance to practice your English in real life while you explore American culture through film, theater, sport, art, and special events. MEI is a short Metro ride from the world-renowned Smithsonian museums, exciting theaters, well-respected art galleries, live concerts, and the historical sites that make the nation’s capital a favorite of tourists all over the world.

Opportunities are available almost every night of the week, and out-of-town trips are scheduled every other weekend. All activities are led by friendly staff who are well-qualified to help you make the most of your English learning experience in the USA.

## **Housing**

Our students usually live off campus, but are sometimes able to get on-campus housing in the summer. For more information about off campus housing, visit [www.umd.och101.com](http://www.umd.och101.com).

## **Tuition**

Tuition varies depending on the semester and, in the summer, on the number of electives you choose to take. Detailed information about tuition can be found at [mei.umd.edu/dates-costs](http://mei.umd.edu/dates-costs).

## **How to Apply**

You must be at least 18 years old and have completed high school to apply. You can find all forms needed to apply at [mei.umd.edu/apply](http://mei.umd.edu/apply).







**For More Information on the Intensive English Program at MEI:**

**FACEBOOK:**

<http://www.facebook.com/meiusa>

**YOUTUBE:**

<http://www.youtube.com/user/StudyEnglishAtUMD>

**ONLINE:**

<http://www.mei.umd.edu>

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