

The Center for Intensive English Studies



Over 35 Years of Excellence in English Language Instruction



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Our Mission: *To achieve excellence in all areas of second language pedagogy while helping our students succeed at Florida State University and across the globe.*

CIES has four programs:

- ITA- The International Teaching Assistant Program (for FSU graduate students)
- IEP- Intensive English Program (for students who want to improve their English for academic or professional purposes)
- ACES- Accelerated Courses for Enrolled Students (for FSU international students who wish to improve their English to succeed in courses in their field).
- TEFL- Teaching English as a Foreign Language Program (for students who wish to teach English abroad).





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- Students from 24 different countries in our Intensive English Program
- Between 30-40 students enroll in ITA courses in Fall and Spring.
 - The ITA classes are usually limited to 8-10 doctoral students





Accent Reduction

a.) Access to Native Accent (pronunciation software) at a discounted price.

- Cross-Cultural Communication
 - a.) Common Academic Idioms
 - b.) Cultural Expectations on and off campus
- Academic and Technical Writing course
 - a.) Polishing your writing (course offered both fall and spring semester)
- Presentations for an American Audience
 - a.) Connecting with your audience
 - b.) Becoming a fluent, confident speaker

Access to one-on-one tutoring



Support for Postdoctoral Scholars

Workshops for International Graduate Students Fall 2017

Improving E-mail Communication Monday, September 18, 2017 - 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. 311 Hecht House

Presenter: Dr. Jennifer Grill, International TA Program

Does writing emails in English cause you anxiety? Do you feel unsure of how to communicate politely and professionally? If so, this workshop will benefit you! We will cover language aspects of emailing such as how to open and close an email, phrases used for making requests, and language needed for discussing difficult situations. We'll also cover cultural aspects of email writing such as levels of formality and politeness.

Register online at https://fsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9Ywj3VS2AKLfsH3

Avoiding Plagiarism Wednesday, September 27, 2017 – 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. 311 Hecht House

Presenter: Dr. Maria B. Mendoza, International TA Program

International students often struggle when including information from various sources in an essay or research paper. In this workshop, participants learn the difference between quoting, phrasing and summarizing information for a paper. Practical suggestions for helping international students understand and avoid plagiarism will be offered.

To register: https://fsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bDaT1OXudOIH8kR

The Hecht House is located at 634 West Call Street



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Insider English: Stress Patterns and How to Use Them Monday, October 9, 2017 – 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. 311 Hecht House

Presenter: Dr. Jennifer Grill, International TA Program

What's the difference between the stress pattern in *photograph* and *photographe*r? How can you clear up the difference between numbers like *thirteen* and *thirty*? In this presentation, we will learn about some common stress pattern rules that will help you with your spoken English.

To register: <u>https://fsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b9JqzW00IAXilUh</u>

SPEAK Test Information Session Thursday, November 2, 2017 – 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. 310 Hecht House

Presenter: Dr. Maria B. Mendoza, International TA Program

This session will include a discussion of the test format and scoring procedures. The presenter will go over the practice test questions and discuss the different competencies taken into account when grading. The standards for teaching assistants will also be discussed. This session is open to faculty and staff who want to learn about the test.

To register: <u>https://fsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3pXMhm94YN2HyXr</u>

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Our Videos

ITA Program: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xGKg84Fr15E&feature=youtu.be</u>

ACES Program: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kq2ePuqsN5w&feature=youtu.be</u>

IEP Program: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RzxxntAqy5s

TEFL Program: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hxJQuLg-p0o</u>





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