English Language Support for Undergraduate & Graduate International Students

Boulder Faculty Assembly
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Pre-University - Conditional Admissions (ESL Academic Bridge Program)

- This 8-level program is designed for pre-university students who have met the academic criteria for undergraduate admission to CU Boulder, but have not yet achieved sufficient English language proficiency.
- Students take courses in writing, reading, listening & speaking, an elective (English for STEM, communicating about math, grammar, pronunciation, etc), and university preparation (academic integrity, resources at CU, navigating US higher education system, academic vocabulary, etc).
- 60 students have matriculated so far; another 83 are in the pipeline. Increase in enrollment expected for 2016-2017.

Undergraduate Support (ESLG 1410)

- Integrated skills 3-credit course. Not included in CU Boulder undergrad tuition. Credits may count towards international students’ full-time status.
- Simulates discipline area tasks and assignments including email, proposal writing, team presentations. Course addresses negotiating skills, how to interrupt, writing/grammar, presentation skills. Enables students to build confidence and polish their English.
- Daytime, evening, and hybrid sections available. 10-week format with staggered start date. (Course also ends before finals and deliverables due in their discipline area courses.)

Graduate Support

- 2-credit courses offered in academic writing, accent reduction, and presentation skills. Supports international RA’s, TA’s and graduate students in their hurdles.
- Sections can be customized for discipline areas. This includes schedules, content (e.g. reading selections and assignments)
- Flexible schedules are offered; hybrid format available.
- Free testing available; includes detailed score report, required and recommended courses (as per students’ college, department)
- Scholarships available for international graduate students to take one course language support course.
- IEC can do brief presentation and international graduate student orientations, outlining courses, free testing, and scholarship application process.

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