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University Support and Services

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English Proficiency Test
- Offered at the beginning of every semester
- Language screening for students who have not provided proof of English proficiency

English Assessment for J-I Exchange Visitors
- Offered on an as-needed basis year-round
- Federal requirement of language measurement for J-I visitors

SPEAK Tests for International Teaching Assistants
- Offered monthly, with extra sessions when needed
- Review sessions and tutoring provided to those who need to re-take the test
- Board of Regents-mandated assessment (or IRT)

K-State 2025 Internationalization

Overarching Goal:
“Infuse internationalization in all we do in order to ensure that K-State students, faculty, and staff are prepared to live, learn, and work in the global community.”

Partnerships and Initiatives
- Training for undergraduates in teaching ESL for summer-abroad programs at Wuhan University (China) and Selcuk University (Turkey), 2004-2007 (OIP, Study Abroad, Community Service Abroad)
- Participation in World Bank Strengthening Higher Education (SHERP) at Kabul and Balkh Universities, Afghanistan, 2007-2011
- English course for participants from FATA of Pakistan, January-February and August-September, 2009 (College of Agriculture, Kansas Center for Agricultural Resources and Environment, and Agriculture Management Group)
- Practicum experience for MA TESL degree in the department of Modern Languages, 2008-present

English Language Program

The mission of the English Language Program is to serve non-native speakers of English and the university by:
- Offering a full range of intensive English classes,
- Assessing language proficiency,
- Developing special programs for short-term and exchange groups,
- Orienting students to American culture and the academic environment,
- Providing academic and personal advising, and
- Facilitating students’ transition to degree programs through support courses in the belief that the university community as well as the language learners will be enriched through their participation at Kansas State University.

Advising
- Appointment with an advisor for every new student
- Follow-up appointments as needed and during DAS 158
- Pre-Enrollment with advisors from students’ majors during last semester of ELP classes before students enter a degree program
- Opportunities to audit university courses
- Social Hangout

Basic ELP Orientation – Beginning/Intermediate (DAS 148)
- Basic information such as ELP grading processes and services
- Presentations on plagiarism, motivation, and organizational skills

Orientation to the American Higher Education System – Advanced (DAS 158)
- Emphasizes cultural and academic understanding
- Develops academic and life skills
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Support Classes for Students in Need
- Study Skills classes for students on Probation (≤ 2 cr. hrs.)
- TOWARD Class for Reinstated Students (DAS 072) – ≤ 2 cr. hrs.
- Training in Organization, Wellness, Academics, Responsibility and Discipline

International Technology Commons (ITC)
- Tech workshops such as intro to Microsoft Word
- Community involvement lectures and TED-style talks

Testing and Tutoring Center (TTC)
- Review workshops
- Individual tutoring sessions

Academics

Bringing International Perspectives to the Classroom and Campus Community

Leadership Studies (Fall 2010-present)
- Conversation activities with students in LEAD 350
- ELP students participate in a LEAD 350 class

Conversation Days with College of Business Administration (2012-present)
- Occurs 6 times a year
- College of Business students come to our ELP classes to converse

University Experience (2004-present)
- ELP and University experience students meet and are introduced
- Students meet again for recreation at a location they choose

K-State 2025 Internationalization Strategic Action Plan

Build a community that is receptive to international students, faculty, and visitors and expand outreach venues for the global dialogue beyond the campus to local communities and the state.

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Encourage cross-cultural interaction between and among international and domestic students

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Cultivate global and cross-cultural perspectives of our students, faculty, and staff through strategies such as:
1) Promoting international and cross-cultural events as a routine part of the K-State university experience

Sources