Comprehensive English: Academic Preparation

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Description:
Through classroom interaction and study, this course is designed to give information, experience, and the skills development needed to prepare students more fully for successful engagement within an American classroom.

Goals:

- to prepare you to successfully engage in an American (or other international) university classroom

Learning outcomes:
By the end of the course you should:

- Understand what to expect and what will be expected of you in an American classroom
- be better prepared for the academic rigors of reading, writing, listening and speaking in English within an American university

Course Objectives:
Through materials and intentionally-designed classroom interaction, you will

- prepare for successful interaction in your U.S. study experience
- further develop your skills in
  a. critical thinking
  b. reading
  c. academic writing
  d. professional and social speaking

Methods
You will practice listening, reading, speaking and writing in class every day. Use this opportunity to expand your English skills as you engage with new classmates and various written and oral materials.

Course schedule

	Class Activities
Day 1	• Class Introductions • An introduction to the American classroom • Practicing good reading strategies • "Grammar Trouble Spots" • Academic Writing: Developing self-assessment skills and a focus on accuracy
Day 2	• Focus on oral communications with Americans • "Grammar Trouble Spots" • Academic Writing: Focus on organization
Day 3	• Critical thinking & oral communication: An introduction to debate & negotiation • Academic Writing: More on organization; The writing process
Day 4	• Critical thinking through paraphrasing • Preparing to live in another country: An Introduction • Academic Writing: Focus on accuracy and self-assessment • Final exam