

# ENGLISH LANGUAGE FOUNDATION - USA PATHWAY

## PROGRAMME OVERVIEW:

English Language Foundation is a programme run by International Foundation Group, Abu Dhabi in cooperation with Southern Utah University (SUU), USA. It is designed for students who want to study in the USA but don't meet the language requirements for degree level study. It is a structured pathway with guaranteed credit transfer, pre-departure orientation, and ongoing student support from day one to graduation.

## PROGRAMME CONTENT:

English Language Foundation has 2 main components: online classes run by SUU and on-campus classes at IFG Abu Dhabi. English language classes are focused on general and academic English, communication skills, critical thinking and digital literacy – all aspects necessary for successful completion of undergraduate and graduate degrees.

There are 8 programme levels, each 6 weeks in length. Students are placed at a specific level based on their online placement test or previous English test results. Levels 3–6 are credit-bearing, and students can earn up to 24 elective credits towards a 120-credit SUU undergraduate degree.

## STUDENT SUPPORT:

Students receive full support with F-1 visa application, interview preparation, documentation, and coaching – designed to maximize US visa approval chances. The programme also includes career counseling, soft skills training, and guidance on degree majors related to the demands of the current job market.

## ENGLISH REQUIREMENTS:

- ▶ Foundation 1: no requirements
- ▶ Foundation 2: IELTS 2.0 or equivalent
- ▶ Level 1: IELTS 3.0 or equivalent
- ▶ Level 2: IELTS 3.5 or equivalent
- ▶ Level 3: IELTS 4.0 or equivalent
- ▶ Level 4: IELTS 4.5 or equivalent
- ▶ Level 5: IELTS 5.0 or equivalent
- ▶ Level 6: IELTS 5.5 or equivalent

## START DATES 2025–2026:

- ▶ Fall term 1: 27<sup>th</sup> August 2025
- ▶ Fall term 2: 20<sup>th</sup> October 2025
- ▶ Spring term 1: 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026
- ▶ Spring term 2: 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026
- ▶ Summer term 1: 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026
- ▶ Summer term 2: 29<sup>th</sup> June 2026

## TUITION FEES:

2,450 USD (online intensive programme 450 USD per level plus on campus classes 2,000 USD per level)

Students completing Level 6 will be awarded tuition fees scholarship for their Undergraduate and Graduate study at SUU.

## CERTIFICATE:

Students who successfully complete Level 6 will receive a certificate of programme completion; they will also satisfy SUU's English language admission requirement for undergraduate and graduate study. Students who complete Levels 3–6 will receive 6 elective credits per level towards their undergraduate degree requirements at SUU.