

# The Intensive English (IE) Program at University Senior College – Points of Difference:

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The University Senior College (USC) Intensive English Program is a specially crafted course that helps the student develop their language skills in seven different subject areas. It is not a program that focuses on English alone.

It is a program that prepares students for the academic rigour of Year 11 and Year 12, and the language necessary to achieve success at these levels.

The lesson timetable is similar to the Year 11 timetable that the students will join upon successful completion of the course. The program is unique in that it comprises of fourteen 2-hour lessons per week:

1. 5 lessons (10 hours) of English for Academic Purposes (compulsory subject for SACE)
2. 2 lessons (4 hours) of Personal Learning Plan (compulsory subject for SACE)
3. 2 lessons (4 hours) of the Language of Mathematics
4. 2 lessons (4 hours) of the Language of Science (Physics, Chemistry & Biology)
5. 1 lesson (2 hours) of the Language of Commerce (Accounting & Economics)
6. 1 lesson (2 hours) of Australian Studies
7. 1 lesson (2 hours) of Information & Communication Technology (ICT)

The program is also unique for the following reasons:

- Students will also attend an additional 2 hours per week to attend the Intensive English Mentoring and Study Skills Programs run by the Dean of International Students. These programs help students in their organisational and study habits, as well as planning for their Year 11, Year 12 and future tertiary studies.
- All teaching staff are registered teachers with the South Australian DECS, they have at least 10 years teaching experience in mainstream classrooms and all are TESOL qualified.
- All International students from the IE program have the opportunity to qualify for our Partner's Pathway entry to the University of Adelaide upon successful completion of the SACE at USC. No other Intensive English course in Australia can offer this pathway to a Group of Eight university such as the University of Adelaide.

The IE Program at USC has been developed over several years with the outcome of International students who complete the course successfully studying at university in the future. It is a proven pathway to tertiary study for our students.