



# LAUREATE ENGLISH PROGRAM FAQ

## HOW LONG IS THE PROGRAM?

The total amount of time that you will spend before you are eligible to enter one of our degree-seeking programs will depend on your starting level. Our program consists of three levels: intermediate (B1), high intermediate (B1+) and advanced (B2). The following shows how long it usually takes for a student to complete the program:

### Starting Level

Level 3 (B1)	One Quarter (ten weeks)
Level 4 (B1+)	Two Quarters (twenty weeks)
Level 5 (B2)	Three Quarters (thirty weeks)

Please note that our program is challenging and academically rigorous. Success in the Laureate English Program requires 15-20 weekly hours of study outside of class. For information about proficiency requirements to enter your degree program, see the LEP student handbook.

## HOW DOES THE LAUREATE ENGLISH PROGRAM PREPARE ME FOR UNIVERSITY COURSES?

Students in the Laureate English program develop their English language skills in the context of challenging, hands-on projects called “core assignments.” Assignments can be personalized to reflect student interests, professions, or fields of study, and often include an engagement with the rich cultural opportunities in the city of Chicago. Some examples of the core assignments in our curriculum include:

- A Psychological Research study
- An Urban Ethnography Project
- Participation in Quarterly “International Forum”
- Weekly NPR News Summary
- Chicago Neighborhood Works Survey
- News Analysis Project
- Filmed Restaurant Roundtable Review
- Ted Talk Critical Response

### Final Portfolios:

At the end of the quarter, students submit a portfolio consisting of a selection of the work they have completed over the quarter, and a reflection on the progress made in the quarter. You will be surprised how much your skills will develop in a single quarter!

## DO I NEED A TOEFL OR IELTS SCORE TO ENTER THE PROGRAM?

No. We use a Cambridge placement test, as well as an in-house speaking and writing assessment to determine your level. However, a recent IELTS or TOEFL score can be useful in the placement process.



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## WILL THE PROGRAM HELP ME RAISE MY IELTS OR TOEFL SCORE?

Yes. Our program is designed to develop the same English language and academic skills being assessed by standardized proficiency exams like TOEFL and IELTS. Students can expect to raise their IELTS score by .5 points per quarter in the program. Most importantly, we prepare you for academic success at the university level after you have met your target IELTS or TOEFL score.

## DOES KENDALL COLLEGE OFFER THE IELTS, PTE, OR TOEFL?

At this time Kendall College is not a testing center for IELTS, TOEFL or PTE. However we do provide schedules and guidance for students wishing to take one of these proficiency exams, as well as an IELTS and TOEFL test preparation course.

For students wishing to matriculate into Kendall College, we offer our own proficiency exam, called the LEAP exam, at no extra cost to our students.

## AS A STUDENT IN THE LAUREATE ENGLISH PROGRAM, WILL I BE A FULL-TIME STUDENT?

Yes. All of the students in the Laureate English Program are full-time students. Our program consists of 22 weekly classroom hours.

## WHAT WILL MY SCHEDULE LOOK LIKE?

A sample class schedule:

	8:30–12:00	12:00–12:50	12:50–2:30
<b>Monday</b>	Speaking and Listening Class	Lunch	Grammar and Writing Tutorial
<b>Tuesday</b>	Reading and Writing Class	Lunch	Reading & Writing Class (continued)
<b>Wednesday</b>	Speaking and Listening Class	Lunch	IELTS and TOEFL Prep Class
<b>Thursday</b>	Reading and Writing Class	Lunch	Reading & Writing Class (continued)
<b>Friday</b>	Speaking and Listening Class	Lunch	Outings, Activities & Excursions

## HOW WILL I FIND OUT WHICH LEVEL I PLACED IN?

Placement consists of three steps:

1. An online Listening and Reading test
2. An oral interview
3. A writing sample.

The oral interview and writing sample are generally done at orientation the week before classes begin. In some cases, the interview and writing sample can be also be completed online before a student arrives.



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## CAN I TAKE CLASSES IN MY MAJOR WHILE TAKING CLASSES IN THE LAUREATE ENGLISH PROGRAM?

No. Students taking credit courses at Kendall College are required to show English proficiency with an IELTS, TOEFL, PTE, or other approved proficiency exam score. For specific matriculation requirements, see the LEP student handbook.

## WHAT COUNTRIES ARE THE OTHER STUDENTS FROM?

Students in the Laureate English Program have come from Korea, China, Cambodia, Vietnam, Thailand, Saudi Arabia, Taiwan, Turkey, Mexico, Venezuela, Russia, Kazakhstan, Spain, France, and a variety of other countries.

Kendall College is ranked as the most international and one of the most ethnically diverse liberal arts colleges in the Midwest in U.S. News & World Report's 2017 Edition of Best Colleges—our overall student body represents more than 50 countries.

## CAN I WORK ON CAMPUS?

Yes. International students on an F-1 student visa are permitted to work on campus, and Kendall College offers a number of opportunities for on-campus employment. International students may work for a maximum of 20 hour per week.

Please note: Students in the Laureate English program seeking on-campus employment must be in level 4 or above.

## WHAT ACADEMIC SUPPORT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE AT KENDALL?

Kendall College offers robust academic support, including a dedicated Academic Success Center (ASC) which offers tutoring in all academic subjects. All ASC services are provided to Kendall College students at no extra cost.

The Laureate English program also offers tutorial courses with the goal of providing small group and 1:1 feedback and support to students. Kendall College also offers a faculty mentor program, where students are paired with a faculty member who can assist them in navigating campus resources and succeeding as a college student.

## WHO CAN I CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT THE LAUREATE ENGLISH PROGRAM?

For more detailed information about the Laureate English Program, see the LEP Student Handbook.

For questions or inquiries, contact the program director: **Luke Daly**: [luke.daly@kendall.edu](mailto:luke.daly@kendall.edu).

## HOW LONG WILL THE APPLICATION PROCESS TAKE?

When you are ready to get started, our highly personalized application process can be completed very quickly – for most students, this process typically takes between 1 and 3 weeks. The first step is to submit the Online Application. Then, you will be asked to complete a 30-minute online assessment test, which you can do from your computer at home. Finally, we will schedule a Skype or Zoom video call with you, to share more information about Kendall College and our English program, and also to answer any questions that you may have. You will have a dedicated Enrollment Advisor who will guide you through the entire application process.



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## **IF I PLAN TO COME ON A STUDENT (F-1) VISA, WHEN WILL I RECEIVE MY I-20?**

Once you have been admitted to the Laureate English Program and submitted all visa documents, your I-20 will be issued and shipped in the next 72 hours. I-20 packages are shipped to arrive in 3 – 5 business days.

## **HOW DO I APPLY FOR MY STUDENT (F-1) VISA?**

Complete instructions for applying for your visa will be included in your visa package.

## **DO I NEED INSURANCE?**

All Kendall College International students must have insurance and you will be enrolled in the Kendall College policy unless you show proof of an insurance plan that either meets or exceeds the Kendall plan.

## **HOW LONG IS MY I-20 ISSUED FOR?**

Your I-20 will be issued for the duration of your program, a minimum of three months and a maximum of one year.

## **HOW LONG CAN I STAY IN THE UNITED STATES ON AN F-1 VISA?**

Your time in the U.S. will depend on the length of your studies. F-1 visa students may remain in the U.S. 60 days after their program completion to prepare for your return or to travel prior to returning home.

## **WHERE CAN I FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING F-1 VISAS AND BEING AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT?**

The Study in the States webpage has lots of information for international students.

Please see: [➔ https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/students](https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/students)