



# Preparation for Academic Life



“Altogether, PAL has the necessary information and a firm attitude that readies students for upcoming semesters. I will apply the knowledge and discipline I absorbed in PAL to make creative differences in my graduate studies as well as in my future professional career.”



“During [...] PAL, I learnt and understood how American academia functions and how to react with faculty and other students. Practicing presentation skill, emailing appropriately, dealing with faculty, and writing cogent essays are important points.”

“Students learnt to organize their ideas, from broad level to narrow detail, supported with concrete examples with appropriate content, time, and projection of our thoughts. Critical thinking in confronting audience questions is the principal step. And in class, students can master all English skills: reading, listening, speaking, and writing that should be developed simultaneously to complement each other.”



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SPECIAL SHORT PROGRAM

**A good TOEFL score is not always enough.** If you have met – or have almost met – MSU’s basic English-language requirement, you may still have concerns about studying in the USA.

This three-week intensive summer program helps international students prepare for academic course work at Michigan State University.

**CLASSES** meet for 25 hours each week. Topics include:

- Integrating into campus life
- Classroom culture
- Campus and community resources
- Essay writing and written communication
- Formal oral presentation and pronunciation
- Understanding spoken English

**TO PARTICIPATE** in the program, see [elc.msu.edu/pal](http://elc.msu.edu/pal) for the application procedure.

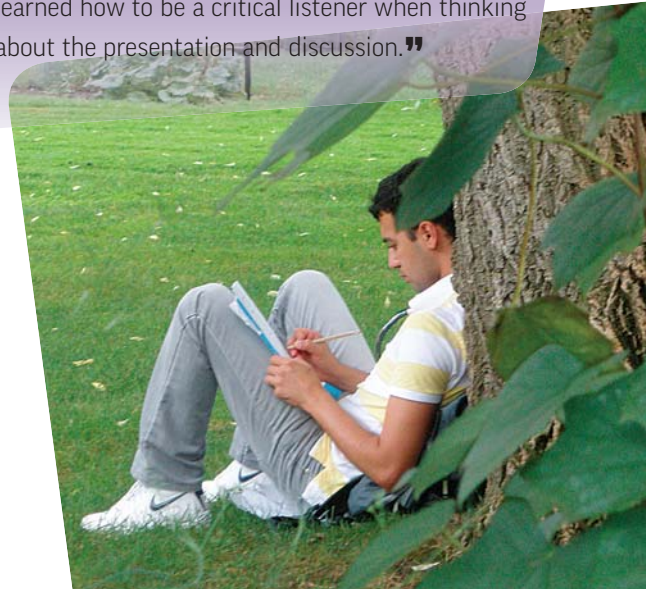
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“In overview, my English has been improved in all skills and it boosts my confidence in campus communication. Moreover, PAL has expanded its students’ academic capabilities. Interactive class is a PAL strong point. Students express and exchange their ideas through discussions and presentations beneficial to becoming familiar with the American educational system.”

“As a presenter, I learned how to conduct a professional presentation with slide preparation, appropriate dress, body language, speaking style, etcetera. And as audience, I gained useful knowledge from different fields of study and learned how to be a critical listener when thinking about the presentation and discussion.”





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