Fall 2015 Skills Enhancement Courses (SEC)

Please make THREE choices: #1 (your first choice), #2 (your second choice), and #3 (your third choice).

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| I | 1 or 2 | Music 1-2 | • Learn to understand the words to your favorite songs in English.  
• Improve your listening, speaking, and reading skills while listening to current music in English.  
• Share your favorite songs, learn about American culture, and practice conversation in this fun class! |
| A | 1 or 2 | Pronunciation 1-2 | • Improve your pronunciation using a variety of techniques and activities. |
| A | 1 or 2 | The Sentence 1-2 | • Review the rules for different kinds of sentences: Yes/No and WH questions, and simple, compound and complex sentences.  
• Practice writing these sentences, and learn to recognize and correct common errors. |
| A | 2 or 3 | Academic Vocabulary 2-3 | • Increase your knowledge of academic vocabulary.  
• Study high-frequency words from the Academic Word List in reading passages, and practice using these words while speaking and writing. |
| T | You must be in level 2 or above in all of your classes! | IELTS 2-3 | • Learn about IELTS, the International English Language Testing System. (PSU accepts the IELTS test for the English language requirement).  
• Practice IELTS test questions for English listening, reading, writing, and speaking. |
| A | 2, 3, or 4 | Spelling 2-4 | • Learn and practice the rules of English spelling to improve your writing and reading skills.  
• Learn a systematic approach for reading, writing, and spelling words needed at school, at home, and in the community. |
| I | 3, 4, or 5 | Conversation 3-5 | • Improve your ability to converse with Americans outside of school.  
• Learn how to start, continue, and end conversations.  
• Recognize the difference between spoken and written English. |
| A | 3, 4, or 5 | Pronunciation 3-5 | • Improve your pronunciation using a variety of techniques and activities. |
| A | 3, 4, or 5 | Quoting, Paraphrasing & Summarizing 3-5 | • Practice skills for successful paraphrasing.  
• Also practice changing voice, summarizing main points and restructuring sentences. |
| T | You must be in level 3 or above in all of your classes! | PRE-TOEFL Reading 3-5 | • Learn and practice strategies and skills to increase your score on the reading section of the paper-based (PSU) TOEFL and the Internet-Based TOEFL (IBT). |
| T | You must be in level 3 or above in all of your classes! | PSU PRE-TOEFL Listening 3-5 | • Learn and practice strategies and skills to increase your score on the listening section of the paper-based (PSU) TOEFL.  
• This course may also help you improve your score on the Internet-Based TOEFL (IBT), as well as reading comprehension, reading speed, and vocabulary. |
| A | 4 or 5 | Academic Vocabulary 4-5 | • Increase your knowledge of academic vocabulary.  
• Study high-frequency words from the Academic Word List in reading passages, and practice using these words while speaking and writing. |
| T | You must be in level 4 or above in all of your classes! | IELTS 4-5 | • Learn about IELTS, the International English Language Testing System. (PSU accepts IELTS for the English language requirement.).  
• Practice IELTS test questions for English listening, reading, writing, and speaking. |
| I | 3, 4, or 5 | Creative Writing 3-5 | • Have fun writing stories, poems, plays, cartoons and other creative projects.  
• Improve your reading, writing, speaking and listening skills in this class. |
| I | 3, 4, or 5 | Movies and American Culture 3-5 | • Learn different and unusual aspects of American culture.  
• Watch and discuss movies about African-Americans, Asian-Americans, Hispanic-Americans, Native Americans and many more.  
• Improve your listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills while learning about diversity in America. |
| I | 3, 4 or 5 | Business English 3-5 | • Learn business concepts and vocabulary.  
• Discuss business innovation, technology, marketing, economics, entrepreneurship, job interviews, and topics suggested by students.  
• Do a marketing analysis, an individual budget, and your own resume.  
• Course is based on the American MBA (Master’s in Business Administration) curriculum, as well as PSU’s BA 101 course. |