Intensive English Program

uwf.edu/iep
THE INTENSIVE ENGLISH PROGRAM OF UWF IS DESIGNED TO PREPARE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS FOR SUCCESSFUL STUDY AT THE GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL. The talented teaching staff focus on improving students’ ability to speak, listen, read, and write comprehensively in English. The program also focuses on the requirements for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), which is required to study at many American universities. The University offers five levels of instruction to meet individual needs of every student, and the program is designed for students to be able to progress at their own pace and develop a better mastery of English each semester. In addition to classroom instruction, the IEP offers extracurricular activities to provide students with fun, informal opportunities to practice what they have learned and gain a better understanding of U.S. culture.

UWF Rankings

- UWF has been ranked a “Best Regional College - Southeastern” by the Princeton Review each year since 2003.
- UWF ranks in the top three top-performing public universities in the State of Florida and will secure more than $20 million in new funding for the academic year.
About UWF

UWF welcomes students from all over the globe, as we are home to more than 400 international students from over 90 different countries. With more than 60 undergraduate degree programs, master’s degrees in 25 different programs, two specialist degrees and a doctorate in education, the University of West Florida has a degree to meet your educational goals. Because UWF has a student population of more than 13,000 students and the average class size of undergraduate courses are less than 40 students per class, students benefit from an education that focuses its energy in providing the best learning environment available.

Beyond the natural beauty of UWF’s 1,600-acre main campus (which doubles as a stunning nature preserve), students are able to enjoy state-of-the art facilities such as the Health, Leisure and Sports Facility which boasts a 10,000 square-foot fitness center, racquetball courts, a 38-foot climbing wall, and an indoor running track.

About Pensacola

Located on the beautiful Gulf Coast of Florida, Pensacola was named one of the “Top 125” cities to live in the U.S.! A vibrant and energetic beach town is only minutes from campus, as well as pristine state and national parks that capture our coastal beauty. We are also convenient to some of the most popular cities in the Southeastern U.S.

Pensacola is home to numerous tourist attractions, sports teams, and other cultural highlights, including:

- Blue Wahoos minor league baseball team
- Pensacola Ice Flyers hockey team
- Gulf Islands National Seashore
- U.S. Navy’s Blue Angels flight demonstration team
- USS Oriskany (a 130-foot-deep artificial reef for sport divers)
- National Museum of Naval Aviation
- Historic Pensacola Village
- Pensacola Comic-Con

The downtown area offers 450 years of history, nightlife, fresh local cuisine, art and culture, unique shopping, and festivals throughout the year celebrating the arts, culture, music, food, and Mardi Gras.
**Why Pensacola?**

- **30 MINUTES TO BEACH**
- **25°C AVERAGE DAILY TEMPERATURE**
- **345 DAYS OF SUNSHINE PER YEAR**

**ACCESS TO TWO MAJOR INTERSTATE SYSTEMS**

- **I-10**
- **I-65**

**HOURS DRIVE TO DESTINATION FROM UWF**

- **ATLANTA 5**
- **ORLANDO 6**
- **NEW ORLEANS 3**
- **JACKSONVILLE 5**
- **TALLAHASSEE 3**

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**Engage Globally at UWF**

UWF Global Quarter is a community of globally-minded UWF students who promote cultural understanding and interests that move students, domestic and abroad, to engage the world. Some of our Global Quarter events include:

- Weekly coffee hours and meetups
- International Education Week activities
- International music nights
- Volunteer and leadership opportunities

Check out **UWF Global Quarter** (@uwfglobalquarter) on social media to find out what’s happening on campus.

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“Since I arrived in Pensacola to study in the IEP at UWF, I realized that I have improved my English skills from the first day. I thank my teachers for their patience and dedication in class. Moreover, I enjoyed the activities organized by Global Quarter that allowed me to meet people from different countries. Definitely the IEP was one of the best experiences I have ever had in my life.”

**Angie Pinglo, Peru**
**Why Study English?**

- English is one of the top business languages in the world.
- Learning English can give you a competitive advantage in the job market and increase your chances of getting a good job in a multinational company.
- English is a challenging language. Learn from faculty who work individually with students to facilitate learning mastery.
- Learning English increases your admission chances and academic success in the American university system.
- English is the official language in over 50 countries.

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**Top 10 reasons why you should come to the University of West Florida**

1. **Nationally-Recognized Majors and Programs:** UWF offers a wide variety of nationally recognized majors and programs with an emphasis on experiential learning opportunities.
2. **Location:** Located on the beautiful Gulf Coast of Florida, UWF is just minutes away from Downtown Pensacola and the world’s best beaches.
3. **Small Class Sizes:** At UWF, small class sizes provide endless opportunities for hands-on learning within a collaborative environment.
4. **Committed to High-Impact Practices:** Our dedicated faculty members take every opportunity to interact with students both inside and outside of the classroom.
5. **Professors Who Know Your Name:** UWF’s small class sizes provide unparalleled opportunities for professors and students to work together within a close-knit environment.
6. **Beautiful Campus:** Situated on a beautiful 1,600-acre campus, UWF offers a learning environment like no other.
7. **Modern Facilities:** One of the perks of being part of a vibrant and growing institution like UWF is making use of its new, state-of-the-art facilities.
8. **Student Life:** With more than 200 student organizations to choose from, there are plenty of ways to get involved.
9. **Affordable:** UWF offers one of the most affordable tuition plans in Florida and in the U.S.
10. **Career Connections:** UWF students have numerous opportunities to network with working professionals and alumni, building connections that will serve them well beyond college.
Pathway to UWF

UWF offers a pathway program for undergraduate students who do not meet the English language requirements for undergraduate admission. To be eligible for this special program, students must enroll in a minimum of one semester of the Intensive English Program in addition to undergraduate coursework. After successful completion of the Intensive English Program, students may progress directly to UWF as a degree-seeking student.

How to Apply

1. Complete the online application at uwf.edu/iep
2. Submit the application fee
3. Submit a copy of your passport
4. Submit evidence of financial support
5. Receive Form I-20
6. Obtain F-1 visa at U.S. Consulate or Embassy in your home country

CONDITIONAL ADMISSION

The University of West Florida may offer conditional admission to undergraduate and graduate applicants who meet all the academic requirements for admission, but do not have the English skills necessary to study in the University. To apply for conditional admission, students must submit an application to UWF. A conditional admission letter can be used by the student to help increase the likelihood that the visa will be granted to enter the United States. Students who have been conditionally admitted must enroll full-time in the Intensive English Program until they have completed the English requirement. Students have one year to complete the English requirement to receive full admission to the University.