



General Foundation Program Language Center

The Program

The aim of the Foundation Program is to prepare students to gain the necessary English Language proficiency and study skills to further their academic studies.

Students also undertake a module in Mathematics and a module in Information Technology, which will prepare them for their undergraduate courses and for their future professional life.

Upon completion of the Foundation Program, students will be able to perform the following:

Listening and speaking

Listen to and understand academic lectures of the types that students will encounter in their undergraduate Programs; take notes; participate in discussions regarding the lectures; and make straightforward, clear oral presentations on instructionally related topics.

Reading

Read and understand academic texts of the type that students will encounter in their undergraduate Programs; take notes; and participate in discussions regarding the text. Make effective use of dictionaries as study tools for comprehension and pronunciation of English.

Writing

Write well-developed coherent paragraphs and essays of the types required in their undergraduate Programs.

Study Skills

Apply fundamental study and academic skills such as; to use library as well as online resources to summarize ideas and key points; critically analyze and compare; decide on appropriate formats for presentation both in speaking and writing.

Mathematics

Have the mathematical understanding and skills necessary to meet the cognitive and practical requirements of their undergraduate studies in a variety of disciplines.

Information Technology

Understand and apply the Software Applications, Hardware and Basic Networking skills necessary to source, process and communicate information related to their undergraduate studies in a variety of disciplines.

The General Foundation Program has been designed according to the Oman Academic Standards.

Program Duration

The Program extends over one year. Students who are not able to pass all modules during the allocated one-year period, are still be able to complete the Foundation Program over a longer period.

The Program is composed of 8 modules divided over two semesters. Students are required to pass modules all modules in semester one before proceeding to semester two.

Should students fail a module, students be able to re-register for the module in the semester that follows, as all modules are offered in both semesters and for both mode of attendances.





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Study Plan and Tuition Fees

Admission and Registration Fee

A refundable deposit of RO. 100 and a one-time admission fee of RO. 20. In addition, a fee of RO. 50 will be charged for a request to do mapping or credit transfer.

Full-Time Mode

Semester	Code	Module	Weekly Contact Hours	Programme Fees	
				Tuition Fee (R.O)	Challenge Test Charge (R.O)
Academic Semester 1 (AS1)	ELAS	English Language Studies	10	375	125
	GWIC	Grammar and Writing in Context	8	300	100
	MATH	College Mathematics	4	150	50
	STSK	Study Skills	2	75	25
Academic Semester 2 (AS2)	ARAV	Academic Reading and Vocabulary	6	225	75
	AGAW	Academic Grammar and Writing	8	300	100
	TECH	Information Technology	4	150	50
	COMS	Communication Skills	6	225	75

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Credit Transfer and Challenge Test Requests

Applicants who meet the general foundation exit requirements or have an equivalent score are requested to apply for credit transfer request prior to joining the programme. Additionally, experienced applicants may be given a special permission within the first three weeks of semester commencement to request for a challenge test on each module. Both credit transfer and challenge test requests forms are available at the Admissions and Registration Department.

Foundation English Program Exit

At the end of the Foundation Program, students will undertake Foundation Assessment Equivalency (FPAE) exams to ascertain that they have reached an Upper Intermediate (B2) level of English.

These exams will establish students' English language abilities on a single scale, in line with the Common European Framework of Reference for languages (CEFR).

Below is a table showing the CEFR and General Language Levels.

General Language Level	Global CEFR scale	
Proficient User	C2	Advanced
	C1	Upper-Intermediate
Independent User	B2	Intermediate/Upper Intermediate
	B1	Pre-Intermediate
Basic User	A2	Elementary
	A1	Beginner