

University Connection



The University Connection (UniConn) Program successfully prepares students for the challenges of the application and admissions process, as well as the rigors of academic study at the university level.

UniConn students have been accepted to a variety of colleges and universities in the United States, including Penn and other top-tier institutions around the country.

University-bound students can choose from two concentrations within the University Connection Program, Academic Admissions and Academic Intensive. Students receive extensive one-on-one advising and can customize the program to help them achieve their goals within their timelines. Motivated students can also earn a certificate in English for Academic Purposes to add to their academic resume.

Which Concentration Is Right for Me?

The **Academic Admissions Concentration** is right if you want to gain admissions into a college or university in the US and:

- you need to improve your English proficiency level.*
- you need time to improve your test scores (TOEFL, SAT, GRE, GMAT).
- you want support and guidance on applying to colleges and universities in the US.

The **Academic Intensive Concentration** is right if you want to develop and demonstrate academic readiness for university study in the US and:

- you need to improve your English proficiency level.*
- you want to strengthen your academic skills.
- you want to develop your academic qualifications by taking a credit course and earning an English for Academic Purposes Certificate.

**Students must have at least an intermediate level of English proficiency to enroll in any University Connection program. Lower level students should begin in the Intensive Program and then transfer into University Connection upon reaching the appropriate level.*



Academic Admissions Concentration

The Academic Admissions Concentration is designed for students who plan to study in the US but need to improve their English language proficiency, to improve their test scores (SAT, GRE, GMAT, etc.) and to learn more about US higher education and the application /admissions process.

Academic Admissions Package (3 sessions)

This 6-month option provides you with a comprehensive and customized program to help you apply to colleges and universities in the United States or other English speaking countries.

Components:

- Intensive English preparation (15–20 hours/week)
 - Courses include “Applying to US Universities” and “Writing University Application Essays”
- One-on-one advising with a professional college counselor who will provide assistance with all aspects of the admissions process.
- Test preparation courses:
 1. TOEFL Academic Skills
 2. TOEFL Test Strategies
 3. SAT/ACT (Includes individual tutoring)
 4. GRE
 5. GMAT
- One-on-one academic advising
- Orientation to US higher education and university culture
- Extracurricular events and enrichment activities

Academic Admission Session (Session by Session)

If you are unable to commit to the full three-session Academic Admission Package, you can enroll in an abbreviated version of the program on a session-by-session basis. Each session is two months long.

“The UniConn program was really helpful for me. I’ve been accepted to one of the most competitive engineering schools not just in the US but also in the world. I started the first session in the ELP with very weak English but in only six months of the program, I got the TOEFL and SAT scores that I needed to get accepted.”

Salem Alghamdi
SAUDI ARABIA



Academic Intensive Concentration

The Academic Intensive Concentration is designed for students who plan to study in the US, or who have been accepted into a degree program in the US, but who need to improve their language proficiency and academic skills before beginning their degree.

Academic Intensive Concentration

If you have reached the intermediate (600) level in the Intensive Program, you are eligible to enroll in the Academic Intensive Concentration, where you will take a range of courses that are designed to develop proficiency in English for Academic Purposes.

Features:

Academic English electives include:

- Advanced Speaking and Listening for Academic Purposes
- Advanced Writing for Academic Purposes
- Advanced Reading for Academic Purposes
- Writing the Library Research Paper
- Academic Vocabulary
- LPS Non-degree Credit Courses: Once you reach the 800 level, you will be eligible to apply for admission to non-degree study at LPS (semester-length credit courses). This is a unique opportunity to experience the demands and expectations of academic study at an Ivy League university, and to earn academic credit, while being supported in advanced level ELP courses.

English for Academic Purposes Certificate (2 or more sessions)

Students studying in the Academic Intensive Concentration have the option of pursuing an English for Academic Purposes Certificate. This certificate allows you to demonstrate your readiness for academic study at a US university, through testing, advanced-level English for Academic Purposes coursework, and university-level content coursework.

In order to be eligible for the English for Academic Purposes certificate, you need to:

- pass the ELP's Academic English Proficiency Exam (AEPE)
- successfully complete a series of advanced level (800) academic English courses in the ELP
- successfully pass an academic credit course offered through Penn's College of Liberal and Professional Studies (LPS)

For detailed course descriptions, visit:
www.sas.upenn.edu/elp/uniconn_courses

Tuition & Fees

Academic Admissions Concentration

	Package (3 Sessions)	Session by Session (1 Session)
Tuition	\$13,578	\$ 4,923
Fees	\$ 1,365	\$ 432
Insurance	\$ 565	\$ 180
Enrollment Fee	\$ 90	\$ 90
TOTAL	\$15,598	\$ 5,625

Academic Intensive Concentration

	1 Session*	2 Sessions** (15 hrs/week + 1 LPS course unit)
ELP Tuition	\$ 3,805	\$ 6,686
LPS (1 course unit)	—	\$ 2,450
Fees	\$ 432	\$ 1,165
Insurance	\$ 180	\$ 360
ELP Enrollment Fee	\$ 90	\$ 90
TOTAL	\$ 4,507	\$10,751

Prices are valid through Summer 2, 2012. Prices subject to change.

* Discount offered if taken in combination with other Intensive Program Sessions. (See Intensive Program prices for details.)

** The length of study for the English for Academic Purposes Certificate is dependent on your proficiency level. Students who wish to receive the English for Academic Purposes Certificate should plan to spend at least 2 sessions at the ELP, while completing an LPS course.

How to Apply

To apply, complete the enrollment form which can be downloaded from the ELP website: www.sas.upenn.edu/elp/apply_general and send the form to the ELP, along with the necessary documents and information listed below.

- Proof of high school graduation (for undergraduate applicants only)
- A transcript of all high school or university classes with official translation into English
- A copy of your scores, if you have taken an admissions exam (SAT, GRE, GMAT, LSAT, MCAT)
- One of the following as proof of your language proficiency*:
 - Paper-based TOEFL of 500 or higher
 - Internet-based TOEFL of 60 or higher
 - Cambridge Exams FCE (First Certificate)
 - IELTS 5 or higher
- Essay describing your academic and personal goals. Explain how these goals will be furthered by studying in the University Connection Program.
- Appropriate documentation to receive an F-1 student visa. See enrollment form for details.

* If you have not taken one of these tests, contact the ELP for assistance.

Enrollment in this program does not constitute admission to any other program at the University of Pennsylvania.

Dates for 2011–2012

SESSION	PROGRAM DATES	APPLICATION DEADLINE
Fall 1, 2011	August 31–October 21, 2011	July 27, 2011
Fall 2, 2011	October 26–December 16, 2011	September 21, 2011
Spring 1, 2012	January 4–February 24, 2012	November 30, 2011
Spring 2, 2012	February 29–April 20, 2012	January 25, 2012
Summer 1, 2012	April 25–June 15, 2012	March 21, 2012
Summer 2, 2012	June 27–August 17, 2012	May 23, 2012
Fall 1, 2012	August 29–October 19, 2012	July 25, 2012
Fall 2, 2012	October 24–December 14, 2012	September 19, 2012

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