

**AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM**  
**English Language and American Studies**  
**Course Descriptions – Spring 2020**  
**Tier A**

**ELAS 100: Listening**

This course focuses on the continuing development of academic listening skills for high-intermediate level students. The course helps students to function more effectively at both general and academic communication.

**ELAS 105: Speaking**

This course is designed to help students at the high-intermediate level of English develop speaking skills to communicate more effectively in social and academic contexts. Students will develop their speaking skills through the study of various level-appropriate social and academic topics using both in- and outside-of-class activities.

**ELAS 110: Academic Writing**

This course is designed for students at the high intermediate level of English to improve accuracy in using writing for academic purposes. Students are encouraged to view writing as a process through which they clarify and organize their ideas.

**ELAS 115: Academic Reading and Discussion**

This course helps high-intermediate learners of English develop the skills and strategies needed to read, understand and recall level-appropriate academic and authentic texts. The course reviews and expands upon previously learned skills and strategies, and introduces new ones. The course also helps students develop reading fluency, increase their vocabulary and vocabulary skills, and discuss the level-appropriate texts they read.

**ELAS 120: Grammar**

This course is designed for students at the high intermediate level of English to develop and improve accuracy and fluency in understanding and using grammar appropriately in academic study. The course introduces and gives students practice in form, meaning, and use of grammatical elements at their proficiency level.

**ELAS 250: Special Topics: TOEIC Preparation**

This course is designed to build knowledge and skills to improve performance on the TOEIC.