



International Scholars Program

*Build Your Academic Network
Speak the Language of Your Field
Make the Most of Your Studies*

*Countries of origin of our ISP graduates:
China, India, Japan, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Korea,
Taiwan, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, and Yemen*

What Is the International Scholars Program (ISP)?

Not an “ESL program.” You already have strong knowledge of English; as an International Scholar, you learn to adapt that knowledge to the specialized vocabulary of your own discipline. Here, you enroll in an integrated suite of courses in academic discourse, rhetoric and reasoning, research methods, learning strategies, and public speaking—all designed to build the core competencies that every graduate student needs.

Transdisciplinary through and through. In ISP, you complete projects that involve reading and applying material from diverse disciplines, writing from sources in a range of genres, and conducting and reporting results of original field research. You learn about your own field of study by seeing what it has in common with others’, as well as how you and others can talk across disciplinary boundaries.

Learning about learning. ISP courses are about more than subject matter. As an International Scholar, you become an analyst of your own educational experience; you learn to analyze discourse patterns, reflect on your learning strengths, and critically evaluate the norms of US higher education. When you encounter new situations in later studies at CGU, you will know how to transfer the skills you developed in ISP to meet those challenges.

Geared for success. Every aspect of ISP is designed to ensure students’ success. Our goal is not to penalize or weed out; we set you up to hit the ground running in your degree program. We do that through small classes, a coordinated team of qualified instructors, and additional support resources from the Center for Writing & Rhetoric.

*The International Scholars Program
involves more than preparing for graduate
school. ISP is graduate school.*



Where Do I Start in ISP?

According to academic reading, writing, speaking, and listening abilities, students enroll in ISP at either Module 1 or Module 2. Each module builds on and targets specific levels of English proficiency, as demonstrated by:

- **Module 1:** TOEFL iBT 75-84 / IELTS 6.0
- **Module 2:** TOEFL iBT 85-94 / IELTS 6.5, 7.0
when sub-section scores are below 6.5

When Do I Take ISP?

Students complete ISP before starting degree program courses. ISP is offered in the Summer and Fall semesters, and approximate program dates are as follows:

SUMMER

- **Module 1:**
Mid-May to early July
- **Module 2:**
Early July to late August

FALL

- **Module 1:**
Late August to late October
- **Module 2:**
Late October to mid-December

Meet the ISP Team



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To learn more about the
International Scholars Program visit
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“I have taken two similar programs related to academic English in two different universities in the United States. As a result, I thought this program would be just a repetition of what I already knew. However ... the writing requirements are totally different, and I have benefitted a lot from them. They are directly related to what is required in graduate studies and they bring something new, not just some general academic skills.”

*Ali (Yemen), PhD in Information Science,
International Scholar Spring 2017*

“Throughout the course, I learned many different academic literacy practices that will definitely aid me in achieving my future academic and professional goals in CGU and outside as well.”

*Nouf (Saudi Arabia), MPH in Public Health,
International Scholar Fall 2016*