



**BRIDGE
TO COLLEGE
ENGLISH**



YOU CAN DO IT!

The Bridge to College English (BCE) is a one-semester program in English as a second language. If your mastery of English has improved to a certain point but you are not yet ready to use English in university courses, this program can help you.

- English immersion in a Christian setting
- Transition to university studies in English
- Small English classes
- Friendly individual attention
- Help with listening, reading and study skills
- Opportunity to earn five university credits

PURPOSE

The BCE program prepares qualified international students for admission as degree candidates at Bob Jones University and for success in classes at the University. You will profit from this program before being officially admitted to an undergraduate or graduate program, yet you can earn as many as five credits that will later apply toward an undergraduate degree.

Bridge to College English is offered during the fall semester. Near the end of the semester, you will take the Test of English as a Foreign Language. If you achieve the necessary TOEFL score—and we do expect that you will—you will be admitted in a degree program for the spring semester.

SPECIAL ADVANTAGES

In the spring semester, as a degree candidate at BJU, you will have these advantages:

- As an undergraduate student, you will be able to take a lighter load because of the one to five credits you will already have. The spring semester will be the first of the normal eight semesters for an undergraduate degree.

- As an undergraduate or graduate student, you will be able to take the special section of English 100 that is open only to international students. This course in grammar and writing will give you further help with good written use of English.

CONTENT

The core of the Bridge to College English program is daily instruction in English as a second language, including all four language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. You will be in a small class, where you will receive generous amounts of friendly individual attention.

In the program you will receive special help in listening to lectures and taking notes, as well as in other skills needed by students. To help you make the transition to university-level classes taught in English, you will also take three courses for credit, all with special help:

- You will take Orientation (1 credit) with other new university students. This course will acquaint you with the University and help you with your adjustment to University life.
- You and your BCE classmates will be in your own special section of Fundamentals of Speech (3 credits). You will meet all the normal requirements of the course, but the teacher will use easier English for you. The instructor will also help you with pronunciation and other oral skills.
- You will take a Bible course, New Testament Messages (1 credit), with special help. You will attend the university class lecture along with other students (two class hours per week), but you will be prepared ahead of time for the class sessions.

Before every Bible or Orientation class hour, a BCE teacher will introduce the coming lecture and will help you understand it. During the first part of the semester, you will receive an outline or written notes for these lectures. Later in the semester you will develop your own skills in taking notes. You will also have extra time available (as needed) for taking tests.

IMMERSION IN ENGLISH

A special advantage of this program is that you will live with Americans in the residence halls, so that you can be surrounded by English. Living with Americans will also help you become better acquainted with American culture.

Other students from your country will probably live nearby, but we will ask you not to speak in your native language more than three hours in a week—we want you to get used to using English. In fact, we will encourage you to keep trying to think in English. If you do, by the end of the BCE program, you will probably be able to think in English most of the time.

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