



## Intensive English Program

### Program Information

#### Academic Year

Fifteen-week sessions are offered beginning in September and January. The 12-week summer session begins in early June and the 8-week summer session begins in late June.

#### The Curriculum

The Intensive English Program offers instruction in reading, grammar, vocabulary, academic writing, pronunciation and TOEFL preparation, as well as content courses that reflect current student interest. Classes are small, permitting individualized instruction and numerous opportunities to use both spoken and written language in real and meaningful situations. Student-centered activities build confidence and maximize learning potential.

#### The College

Founded in 1839 as the first US publicly supported institution for teacher education, Framingham State College is a coeducational school located approximately 21 miles from Boston. The beautiful campus provides a safe environment in which to study, absorb the best of America's culture and history, and enjoy college activities.

The College offers 25 bachelor's degree programs, 23 master's degree programs and preparation courses for advanced study toward law, engineering, and other graduate and professional degrees. The campus has large computer laboratories, six residence halls, modern library, an art gallery, a modern student center, an athletic center, and football and soccer fields.

#### Teaching Staff

Our experienced, internationally trained teachers are sensitive, but demanding. Most draw on their own overseas living experience as they assist the students in adjusting to living and learning in a foreign country. Instructors use teaching methods and learning aids, which provide and encourage communication practice in a student-centered environment.

#### Application Information

To be eligible you must be at least 17 years of age and you must have a high school diploma.

Progress in the Intensive English Program depends on personal motivation, initial level of English proficiency, and language aptitude. Students preparing for academic study in the United States should generally allow themselves from two to three semesters of English training in our program to be fully prepared for academic course work.

Admission to Framingham State College's Intensive English Program is not the same as admission to the College. Students seeking admission to the College must contact the **Admissions Office**. The College's admission policy for studying in a degree program requires that undergraduate applicants have a minimum TOEFL score of 550 on the paper test.

#### Housing

On campus housing is not available during the Fall and Spring semesters.

### **Visa Information**

Students enrolled in the Intensive English Program may be granted full-time student status according to US visa regulations. All international applicants who will need an F-1 visa in order to study in the United States must submit evidence of financial support before an I-20 Certificate of Eligibility can be issued. They must provide an official bank letter, affidavit of support, or other documentation, translated into English, verifying that sufficient funds are available to them for the duration of the study period. The estimated expenses for one year, including tuition, room and board, books and personal needs are \$19,550.

After receiving the I-20, prospective students must present it, along with their passport to the US authorities in their country to obtain a visa. To allow time to issue an I-20 and to be certain there is space available, completed applications should be received at least two months before the session starting date.

NOTE: F-1 visa holders must have at least 18 hours of classwork per week.

### **How to Apply**

To request an Intensive English Program application form **download the online pdf form** or call, write or send an email to **Lavonne Krishnan**. Fill out the Intensive English Program application form completely. Be sure to check the course for which you are applying. Your name and date of birth must be exactly the same as on your passport.

### **Mail the application to:**

Intensive English Program  
Framingham State College  
100 State Street, PO Box 9101  
Framingham, MA 01701-9101, USA  
Attention: Lavonne Krishnan

### **Be sure to enclose the following:**

- Completed application form
- Nonrefundable deposit of \$75.00 in US funds
- Evidence of financial support translated into English

### **Certificate of Completion**

Each student who successfully completes the program with satisfactory attendance and progress will be awarded a certificate.

### **Health Insurance**

All students in the Intensive English Program are required to comply with Massachusetts's regulations governing immunization of students before admission to school. This includes proof of health insurance and proof of required immunizations.

For more information about the Intensive ESL Programs offered at Framingham State College contact:

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