1. **How many hours will I study each week, and what is the course content?**

   The Academic English Program is designed to prepare students to study in graduate and undergraduate programs. It is an intensive English program with over 20 contact hours of instruction each week taught by highly qualified English instructors. The curriculum uses academic content for language instruction. Students engage daily in listening, speaking, reading, writing, and grammar instruction.

2. **How long will it take me to finish the program?**

   Students who enter the ELI take a placement test. Initial placement determines the amount of time it will take to finish the ELI. Students who place at the beginning level can finish the program in three semesters. Students who place at the intermediate level can finish in two semesters, and students who place at the advanced level are able to complete the program in one semester, provided they maintain a grade of "B" or better.

3. **How will you determine my placement in the ELI?**

   New students who enter the ELI will take a placement test to determine their level of English proficiency. The placement test we administer is the **TOEFL ITP, Level 1**. You may go online and find practice exercises for the TOEFL ITP: [https://www.ets.org/toefl_itp/content/sample_questions/](https://www.ets.org/toefl_itp/content/sample_questions/)

4. **How can I apply to the ELI?**

   In order to apply online go to the ELI website at [www.tamuc.edu/eli](http://www.tamuc.edu/eli). Scroll down to where it says "Apply Now." Click on the Application Form. Scan and send the completed application form to ELI@tamuc.edu along with the following documents:
   - A. Copy of your valid passport
   - B. Financial guaranty or bank verification for at least $20,000
   - C. Copy of your college transcripts, if applicable
   - D. Copy of your latest IELTS or TOEFL score, if applicable

5. **How do I pay the $125 application fee?**

   Once your application has been processed, we will send you a campus wide identification number (CWID). After you receive your CWID, you will go online and pay your application fee at: [https://secure.touchnet.com/C20206_ustores/web/store_main.jsp?STOREID=31](https://secure.touchnet.com/C20206_ustores/web/store_main.jsp?STOREID=31)

6. **Is it possible to receive a letter of conditional admission?**

   If you wish to obtain a letter of provisional conditional admission, you must first apply to the ELI and to the undergraduate or graduate studies program of your choice. Once you receive your acceptance letter from the ELI and have submitted your application to undergraduate admissions or the Graduate Studies
Office, I will be able to request a letter of conditional admission on your behalf. (The request for a letter of conditional admission must come through the ELI.)

7. **If I register with the ELI, which type of I-20 will I receive?**

You will receive an I-20 from Texas A&M-Commerce specifically for the English Language Institute. Once you have successfully completed the Advanced level of the ELI, International Student Services and Scholars (ISSS) will issue you a new I-20 for study in the master's degree or undergraduate program.

8. **Am I eligible to take university classes along with the ELI program?**

The ELI is a full course of study. Students enrolled in the ELI are **not** eligible to take academic coursework. Once you successfully complete the ELI, you may use your Certificate of Completion in lieu of the TOEFL or IELTS for university admission.

9. **How long is each semester in the ELI program?**

The fall and spring semesters provide 16 weeks of academic English. The summer session is more intensive and offers 8 weeks of study.

10. **After completion of the ELI program, do I need to submit a new application for my graduate or undergraduate program, or is the previous application still in effect?**

The application you submit to the Graduate Studies program, or to an undergraduate program, is good for one year. After one year all documents must be updated.

11. **If I get the required TOEFL/IELTS score before I’m enrolled in the ELI, may I switch to a university degree program, or do I still need to go through this ELI program?**

If you are able to meet the university language requirement before the semester begins, you will not be under any obligation to attend courses in the ELI. You may go directly to your graduate or undergraduate program, provided you have met the other criteria for admission.

12. **How much is the ELI tuition?**

Tuition for 1 semester in the ELI is $3,910. There are separate fees for books, school fees, and insurance. The total is approximately $6,000 (not including housing and meals).

13. **If I have an F-2 visa, can I still study English in the ELI?**

Students who do not qualify for the Academic English Program may choose to study in the American English and Culture program. Students who hold an F-2 visa are eligible for this program.