

Enriched Support Program

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General Information

The Enriched Support Program (ESP) is operated by the Centre for Initiatives in Education (CIE). The ESP is a program for students whose academic potential has not been realized in high school and who do not meet university admission requirements. The program gives these students the opportunity to prove their abilities within the context of university-level courses. ESP students attend two to three courses with regularly admitted students and are graded according to the same standards. ESP students also enrol in mandatory, content-related workshops designed to provide the academic support these students need to make the transition to university-level work.

All currently registered and prospective ESP students (see Student Classification, below), should contact the CIE for application and registrarial information.

Admission to the ESP

Students wishing to apply for admission to the ESP should contact the CIE.

ESP Student Classification

ESP students fall under the Special Student designation at Carleton University. Special students are those who have not been admitted to a degree program but who are taking degree-credit courses to qualify for admission, to improve professional qualifications, for transfer credit or for personal interest.

ESP Students

Under the Special Student designation, ESP students enrol in the same courses and meet the same course requirements as students in degree programs and may register for day, evening, instructional television or (under special circumstances) Tapes-to-You courses at a distance.

All registrarial services for ESP students are provided through the Registrar's Office. ESP students are also encouraged to consult the appropriate Faculty regulations for information about degree programs they intend to apply for upon successful completion of the ESP.

Proficiency in English

Since the instructional language of the University is English, applicants to the ESP must be able to understand and be understood in English, both written and oral. See section 4, English Language Requirements, in the General Admissions Requirements and Procedures for the statement of policy

governing English language requirements for non-native speakers.

Course Load

Normally, ESP students may enrol in a maximum of 3.0 credits per academic session (fall/winter) and no more than the equivalent of 1.5 credits (e.g. three half-credit courses) in any one term. Course selection is limited to ESP-designated courses with an emphasis on reading and writing skills. For two of these courses, students also attend regular weekly small-group workshops, where they are given extra support and guidance in dealing with the course material. The workshops are designed to develop the skills and strategies necessary for university-level critical thinking, analysis, reading and writing.

ESP-Supported Courses

ESP students wishing to be admitted eventually to a degree program are advised to note the specific Faculty requirements for course selection and the admission requirements for Special and Mature entrants as they are listed in this Calendar. ESP students who have not completed an OSSD or equivalent may need to upgrade their qualifications by enrolling in courses at the Qualifying-University year level. Individuals seeking admission who need further information should inquire at the Admissions Services or the ESP Student Advisory Office.

Course Change and Course Withdrawal

Please consult the *Academic Regulations of the University* section of this Calendar.

Deferred Final Examinations

Please consult the *Academic Regulations of the University* section of this Calendar.

Financial Assistance

ESP students interested in obtaining financial assistance are advised to contact the Student Awards Office at 520-3600.

Admission to a Degree Program upon Completion of ESP

ESP students are subject to the same admission requirements as Special Students. These requirements are outlined in the Admissions Requirements section of this Calendar. Normally, ESP students who have successfully completed all 3.0 credits of their program with a B- average (CGPA of 7.0 or better) can be considered for admission to a three-year degree program in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences or the Faculty of Public Affairs and Management. ESP students wishing to apply for admission to the Faculty of Engineering or the Schools of Architecture, Business, Computer Science, Industrial Design, Journalism, or Social Work are urged to consult with Admissions Services or the Centre for Initiatives in Education.