Transcript Analysis

The Intensive English Language Institute (IELI) conducted the following assessment by monitoring the transcripts of former IELI students through Spring Semester 2006 (The most current semester where data is available). This study provides the GPA and retention data that IELI faculty need to make decisions regarding the effectiveness of curriculum. It also helps faculty make judgments regarding the overall ability of IELI and Utah State University to provide an academic experience that students will value. The following are the results of an analysis of the transcripts of IELI students who exited IELI between Summer Semester 2005 and Spring Semester 2006. Four students began the program between Summer Semester 2001 and Spring Semester 2003. The rest of the students began between Spring Semester 2004 and Spring Semester 2006. The majority of the students (31%) began IELI Fall Semester 2005.

Program Completion

One hundred-eighty-three (183) students entered IELI during the period of the study. One hundred-eight (108) of these students are continuing to study at IELI or have not yet completed three semesters of university study. These students will be included in a future assessment. Of the 75 students who exited the IELI program, 50 (67%) completed the entire IELI program. Thirteen (17%) of the students who left IELI were exchange students and returned home after one or two semesters of study.

USU Entry and Retention

Of the remaining 50 students, 44 (88%) began attending Utah State University classes after completing the IELI program and 6 (12%) left USU, choosing to attend other universities or to return home. (Note: while most students in IELI intend to get a degree at USU, some attend IELI courses to improve their English for personal or professional reason or to study English in preparation to study at another university or college. Others come to USU for a short period of time as exchange students.)

Of the 44 students who began attending Utah State University classes, 11 (25%) did not complete three semesters of university study. Eight of the 11 students left the university after completing only one semester; three left after attending two semesters. These 11 students possessed GPAs ranging from .0 to 4.0 with an average GPA of 2.81.

At the end of the study, 33 (75%) of the 44 students who began attending USU classes after completing IELI were continuing in their studies at Utah State University. After completing three semesters at USU, these 33 students exhibited GPAs ranging from 1.30 to 4.0 with an average GPA of 2.98.

The Last Update was February 2008. The next study will follow students who completed IELI Summer Semester 2006 through Spring Semester 2007.