Transcript Analysis

The Intensive English Language Institute (IELI) conducted the following assessment by monitoring the transcripts of former IELI students through Summer Semester 2007 (The most current semester for which 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 2006 and Summer Semester 2007. Four students began the program between Fall Semester 2003 and Spring Semester 2005. The remainder of the students began between Summer Semester 2005 and Summer Semester 2007. The majority of the students began IELI Summer Semester 2006 (20%) and Fall Semester 2006 (21.5%).

Program Completion

Two hundred fifty-six (256) students entered IELI during the period of the study. One hundred seventy-seven (177) of these students are continuing to study in IELI or have not yet completed three semesters of university study. These students will be included in a future assessment. Of the 80 students who exited the IELI program during the period of study, 64 (81%) completed level 4 (the final level) of the IELI program. Eight (10%) of the students who left IELI prior to completing level 4 were exchange students and returned home after one or two semesters of study. An additional eight students (10%) left IELI and USU for a variety of other reasons before completing all IELI levels of study.

USU Entry and Retention

Of the remaining 64 students, 55 (86%) began attending Utah State University classes after completing the IELI program and 9 (14%) 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 reasons 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 55 students who began attending Utah State University classes, five (9%) did not complete three semesters of university study. Three of the five students left the university after completing only one semester; two left after attending two semesters. These five students possessed GPAs ranging from 2.27 to 3.86 with an average GPA of 2.97. At the end of the study, 50 (90%) of the 55 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 50 students exhibited GPAs ranging from 1.56 to 3.94 with an average GPA of 2.92.

The last update was February 2009. The next study will follow students who completed IELI Fall Semester 2007 through Summer Semester 2008.