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## ENGLISH FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS (EFIS)

Bluefield State College's Office of International Initiatives invites applications from students around the world and newly arrived immigrants in the college's service area to enroll in its **English for International Students** (EFIS) program. This program is designed to help the language learner improve English proficiency in order to pursue an undergraduate degree at Bluefield State College. EFIS focuses on developing the language learner's competencies in listening, comprehension, speaking, reading, and writing English prior to being admitted into the college's academic degree programs.

Program highlights include: intensive English to prepare for university study; academic advising throughout the program; small classes which generally do not exceed 10 students; highly trained and experienced instructors; integrated access to all college facilities and events. Except Permanent Residents, au pairs, and CBYX students, all EFIS students, are required to stay in the student residence for the duration of the program for positive intercultural and language immersion experiences.

**EFIS Academic Calendar:** **Basic** EFIS courses are offered in the fall (mid-August – mid-December) and Summer Session I and **Advanced** EFIS courses are offered in the spring (mid-January-mid-May) and Summer Session II. EFIS students are also required to complete computer-based exercise drills.

**Eligibility:** EFIS is designed for English language learners who wish to study at Bluefield State College but who have **not** met the required TOEFL, IELTS, or Eiken test scores that Bluefield State College will accept for direct admission.

EFIS will accept students with paper based TOEFL scores of 450-499 or Internet based TOEFL scores from 55 - 60 or IELTS scores from 4 - 5 or EIKEN Grade 2 Level or GTEC CBT scores of 950-1074.

### Non-college credit EFIS Courses:

20 hours per week of classroom instruction and computer-based drills covering the core skills of listening, speaking, vocabulary, grammar, reading, and writing.

EFIS students will enroll in the following non-college credit courses.

### Fall Semester or Summer Session I:

EFIS 90:	BASIC LISTENING AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS
EFIS 91:	BASIC READING SKILLS
EFIS 92:	BASIC GRAMMAR
EFIS 93:	BASIC WRITING

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## Spring Semester or Summer Session II:

- EFIS 096: LISTENING AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS
- EFIS 097: READING SKILLS
- EFIS 098: GRAMMAR
- EFIS 099: WRITING

## APPLICATION DEADLINES

Applications for fall semester EFIS classes must be received by June 1.

Applications for Summer EFIS classes must be received by March 1.

## Non-Resident applicants (F-1 visa or J-1 Visa), Third-Party J-1 Visa holders, and Permanent Residents:

Please complete the online [Application for Admission](#) and comply with all the admission requirements stated in the online application for international students.

Bluefield State College will issue the F-1 or J-1 visa to qualified international students for fulltime intensive English language study. In order to obtain the F-1 or J-1 visa a student must be offered admission and prove they can pay tuition and living expenses for the program.

F-1 or J-1 visa documents will be sent by Express Mail (DHL, FedEx) to the applicant's street address and NOT to a Post Office Box.

Note: F-1 and J-1 students enrolled in EFIS must stay at Mountainview Student Residence and Conference Center for the duration of the program.

Permanent Residents and third-party sponsored J-1 visa students (e.g., Au Pairs, CBYX students) do not have to reside at Mountainview Student Residence and Conference Center.

## Tuition and fees and program-related costs:

US Permanent Resident (West Virginia residents only), tuition only:	\$3,364 per semester
US Permanent Residents (non-West Virginia residents), tuition only:	\$6,516 per semester
US Permanent Residents eligible for metro rate, tuition only:	\$ 4,780 semester
F1 visa enrollees, tuition only:	\$6,516 per semester

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**Third party J1 exchange scholars (e.g., CBYX, Au Pair) and J1 exchange scholars from BSC's partner institutions will be charged in-state tuition**

Other EFIS program related per semester costs:

Textbooks and fees \$500 per semester

Other costs per semester for F-1 and J-1 Visa holders only:

Room (5 months, double occupancy)	\$1625 per semester
Board (5 months' meal plan)	\$1000 per semester
Medical Insurance (\$200/month x 5 months)	\$1000 per semester
<b>Estimated costs for F-1 and J-1 Visa holders only</b>	<b>\$10,641 per semester</b>

## **EFIS Program Completion Certification:**

Upon successful completion of the EFIS Program, students will receive a pre-baccalaureate certificate of completion indicating the English proficiency requirement for admission to Bluefield State College has been met. All regular admission policies of Bluefield State College apply to EFIS graduates who wish to enroll in a degree program at Bluefield State College.

EFIS Students who wish to enroll at other U.S. institutions of higher education will be advised to take the TOEFL test, which is administered by Bluefield State College.

For all inquiries about the **English for International Students** program, please contact:

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