FIRST SEMINAR ACADEMIC ENGLISH (FSAE)

FSAE 100. Academic English. 3 Units.
This course is designed to improve the fundamental reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills of students for whom English is not their first language. One focus of the course will be refining written academic communication: identifying and producing common types of academic writing; note-taking from reading and listening inputs; understanding and applying principles of academic text structure; summarizing and referencing information; editing and proofreading; and achieving appropriate tone and style. A second focus will be honing spoken academic communication: recognizing the purposes of and differences between spoken and written English in academic contexts; identifying and practicing interactional and linguistic aspects of participation in seminar discussions; discussing issues requiring development and application of creative and critical thinking; and preparing and delivering oral presentations. A third focus will be on enhancing reading and listening skills in academic contexts: understanding the content and structure of information delivered both orally and in print form; and reading and listening for different purposes. A final focus will be improving and extending grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation.