**Office of Global Engagement** 

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- Providing English-language instruction, promoting Global Citizenship
- We offer:
  - A Semester Program
  - Summer Programs
  - Specialized Short-Term









#### **Mission Statement**

The Intensive English Program (IEP) provides English-language instruction to, and promotes global citizenship among, non-native English speakers from The University of Mississippi and surrounding community by offering multi-level, differentiated language instruction, community service initiatives, and cultural activities.

## Mission Statement (continued)

Committed to providing innovative and state of the art curricula, classroom materials, and teaching methods to international students, faculty, staff, graduate teaching assistants, and professionals, the IEP supports the University of Mississippi's overall mission and its goal of developing a sense of global responsibility.

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#### **Graduate Teaching Assistants**

 Teaching Assistants are pursuing the M.A. in Modern Languages with Emphasis in TESL and have completed 18 hours of coursework.

Location
Old Counseling Building
(IEP Main Office)

Old Athletics Building (IEP Classrooms)



## **IEP Semester Program**



- 4 Levels
  - Beginning
  - Intermediate
  - Advanced
  - Advanced Plus
- 18-21 contact hours/week
- UM academic credit

#### **IEP Courses Offered**

- Speaking, Listening, & Pronunciation
- Extensive Reading & Vocabulary
- Writing & Grammar
- Reading & World Cultures
- Content Courses (varied):
  - American & World Cultures
  - Business English
  - Cross-Cultural Awareness
  - English for Academic Purposes
  - English in the Sciences
  - Literature in English
  - Southern Studies
  - American Music

# IEP Summer or Short-term Programs

- 4-Week Programs in June & July
  - Course topics in ESL & Intercultural Communication
  - English Language Training (for teachers)
- 8-Week Full Summer Program
- 4 or 8-Week Short-term Program during the Fall or Spring of regular academic year (August-December, January-May)

#### **IEP in Numbers**

**Fall 2019** 

Full-time IEP: 35

Part-time IEP: 2

Study Abroad: 50

OIP/other: 7

Short-term: 11

**TOTAL:** 105

## International Students at The University of Mississippi

- Fall 2018
  - -Total = 980
  - -Total countries = 91

#### International Students at The University of Mississippi

FALL 2018 INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS BY COUNTRY (SMALL SAMPLE)	
Bangladesh	30
Brazil	14
India	146
Iran	18
Japan	26
Mexico	23
Nepal	114
Oman	20
(PROC) China	169
South Korea	32
Sri Lanka	20
Vietnam	34



#### **Success Stories**

- Department of Writing and Rhetoric
  - Second Language Writing Resident
    - Faculty/Student
- Writing for Engineers
- International Teaching Assistant Program
- Professional Development Workshops

## Challenges

- For Students
  - Adjusting to U.S. Culture
  - Adapting to U.S. Classroom
  - Studying in a Second Language

## Challenges

- For Faculty/Staff
  - Creation successful interactions and a positive environment for students
  - Implementation of informal accommodations
  - Lack of knowledge about resources on campus to help students

## Goals of Workshops

- Supporting faculty
- Learning about strategies
- Familiarity with second language acquisition
- Develop a sustained network of resources across campus

#### Resources

- @ UM
  - Intensive English Program
  - Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning
- @ other institutions
  - University of Minnesota
  - University of Michigan