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Greetings from Ohio University and OPIE!

On behalf of the faculty and staff, I would like to welcome you to our program. The Ohio Program of Intensive English (OPIE) has been providing 46 years of high quality English language instruction to international students! We were founded in 1967 and are the first university-based Intensive English Program in the State of Ohio.

OPIE is in the Department of Linguistics at Ohio University and our main office is located in 155 Gordy Hall, across the street from the Ohio University library. To meet the needs of our students, we have five levels of study in our program. Our classes are taught by trained professionals who have either lived abroad or have studied a second language. With this background, our faculty can understand the language and adjustment process of our students. If you would like more details about our program, please read the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) below and the information on our web site.

Once again, welcome to OPIE and Ohio University. If you are in Athens now, please visit our office to say hello. If you are not in Athens now, we hope to see you here in the future! We are a safe, welcoming community and a university with an excellent reputation.

Remember, you can always contact us at opie@ohio.edu

We look forward to seeing you and wish you success in your future.

Best Regards,

Gerard A. Krzic

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

Q1: How many levels are there in OPIE?

OPIE has three levels in our Full-time English study and two levels in our "Bridge" Program. In the Bridge Program students can take a combination of English and academic classes depending on their English proficiency.

At the 12-hour Bridge Program level, students can take up to 6 academic credits, but one of those credits must be the University College (UC) 1900 class "Learning Community Seminar." Students

at the 8-hour Bridge level can take up to 9 academic credits. However, if they have not taken the UC1900 class “Learning Community Seminar” before, they must include it in their 9 hours of academic credit.

Q2: How long should I study in Full-Time English before I can take some academic classes? How long should I study in the Bridge Program (part-time English & part-time academic study) before I can take full-time academic classes?

Although it is difficult to predict the exact time needed for English studies for all students, the following general information describes an entry-level TOEFL and composition score and the **minimum amount of time** you can expect to study English prior to beginning the **Bridge Program (part-time English and academic studies) or Full-time Academic Studies**.

<i>OPIE Full-Time Program</i>		
<i>TOEFL</i>	<i>Composition Score</i>	<i>Minimum Time Until Beginning Bridge Program</i>
350-399	1A-1B	42 weeks (3 semesters) or 56 weeks (4 semesters)
400-449	2A-2B	28 weeks (2 semesters) or 42 weeks (3 semesters)
450-499	3A-3B	14 weeks (1 semester) or 28 weeks (2 semesters)

<i>OPIE Bridge Program</i>		
<i>TOEFL</i>	<i>Composition</i>	<i>Minimum Time Until Beginning Full-time Academics</i>
500-512	4	28 weeks (2 semesters) or 42 weeks (3 semesters)
513-524	5	14 weeks (1 semester) or 28 weeks (2 semesters)

*for more detailed information please see our chart titled [How Long to Study English?](#) on our OPIE website (www.ohio.edu).

Q3: What if I don’t seem to be making progress in my English studies in OPIE?

We expect all our students to make progress in OPIE so that they can complete their studies in a timely manner. However, if a student is having difficulty making progress, he/she will be allowed to repeat an OPIE class one time. If a student fails to make progress after the second time studying in the same class, we will help him/her find an English program that might better suit his/her needs. We also recommend that a student make an appointment to talk to an OPIE counselor to discuss his/her situation.

Q4: How much will it cost to study Full-Time English in OPIE for one semester (15 weeks)?

2013-2014 Tuition in OPIE for Full-Time English is \$5,490 for one semester of full-time English study. (Please note that fees and tuition are subject to change.)

Other estimated costs for 15 weeks are:

- Double-occupancy room in dormitory: \$2, 923
- University/Technology Fees: \$706
- Orientation Fee (one time): \$100
- Personal Spending Money: \$1,889
- Fourteen meals per week: \$2,714
- Application Fee (one-time): \$45
- Health Insurance: \$892

Please note that Bridge Program students who are eligible to take Ohio University academic classes, pay Ohio University tuition and fees for Out-of-State Residents. This tuition and fees are higher than full-time OPIE tuition. For the latest costs,

please see the Ohio University undergraduate admissions information at <http://www.ohio.edu/admissions/fees.cfm>

Q5: When do the OPIE semester classes begin and end?

The following are the dates for the 2012/2013 school year:

Semester	Begin Semester	End Semester
Fall 2013	Monday, August 26	Saturday, December 14
Spring 2014	Monday, January 13	Saturday, May 3
Summer 2014	Monday, May 12	Saturday, August 2 (tentative)*

* OPIE summer classes usually are completed in 12 weeks; students study five days a week.

Q6: What other facilities can students use while studying in OPIE?

All OPIE students can use the library, medical and sports facilities at Ohio University. In addition, OPIE can use the Learning Resource Center (LRC), the Pronunciation Tutoring, and the Reading Lab facilities in Gordy Hall

Q7: Does OPIE sponsor social activities?

Each semester OPIE organizes a conversation partners program, an off-campus field trip and a social activity such as “game night” or bowling. All OPIE students are encouraged to participate in campus-wide activities in order to improve their English and to learn about American culture.

Q8: Does OPIE provide counseling if I have questions about my academic and English studies?

Yes, OPIE can provide advice to students about their English studies and academic studies. In fact, OPIE is happy to assist students find help for academic and adjustment issues. Ohio University also has psychological counseling services for students.

Q9: Can OPIE meet me at the airport in Columbus, Ohio and take me to campus?

Yes, OPIE can provide pick-up service at the Columbus, Ohio airport. We ask that you contact us at least one month in advance and tell us your travel itinerary.

Q10: Does OPIE have special programs for groups of 10 or more students?

Yes, OPIE can design a special program for groups of students who would like to come and study here. Please contact us at opie@ohio.edu for more information.

If you have other questions, contact us. We hope to see you in Athens, Ohio!