

The Academic and General Streams: Levels 410, 490, 570 and 600 UAPC

On testing day, students will be asked to choose their focus of study: **English for GENERAL Purposes** or **English for ACADEMIC purposes**.

Students testing at level 410 (intermediate) or higher, will be in one of these streams. Please read the following descriptions to help students make their choice.

English for Global Communication and Career Purposes (General)

General courses develop proficiency in the four skills and prepare students for social, professional and international / global communication in the following ways:

- **Reading and listening** materials are generally selected according to student interests, and are often used for discussion & vocabulary development.
- **Writing** focuses on expressing ideas clearly and correctly. It may include: personal response / summary / opinion / description of experiences / business or professional communication.
- **Speaking and listening** materials and activities focus on developing fluency and ease in everyday and special purpose communication.
- **Vocabulary** development is a key focus.

English for Academic Purposes (Academic)

Academic courses develop proficiency in the four skills (reading, writing, listening and speaking), and prepare students for course work in Canadian or American universities in the following ways:

- **Readings** are academic in content, chosen to help students prepare for the necessary reading load of university classes.
- **Writing** focuses on the writing of formal paragraphs, essays and, at higher levels, research papers
- **Speaking and listening** activities focus on developing and practising strategies for presenting and comprehending oral materials in an academic setting.
- **Vocabulary** includes level appropriate choices from *The Academic Word List*.
- Special attention is given to developing **study skills**

