Proficiency Scale and Interpretation for ALI Levels

Basic Level (ENGL 100)  ACTFL Proficiency: Novice-Mid

Students who successfully complete the ALI’s Basic Level will be able to read and comprehend words and simple phrases connected expressing day-to-day situations and needs, and will be able to communicate in writing and orally in areas of practical need such as basic questions and answers and survival-level interactions. Students completing Basic-level courses would meet ACTFL Novice-Mid guidelines.

Level One (ENGL 101)  ACTFL Proficiency: Intermediate-Low

Students who successfully complete the ALI’s Level One courses will be able to read and comprehend sentence-level and short-paragraph descriptions of familiar situations and be able to communicate, orally and in writing, in areas of personal needs, immediate surroundings, and some social situations such as shopping, ordering food, and most other basic needs. Students completing level-one courses would meet ACTFL Intermediate-Low guidelines.

Level Two (ENGL 102)  ACTFL Proficiency: Intermediate-Mid

Students who successfully complete the ALI’s Level Two courses will be able to read and comprehend clearly-connected and organized texts, and students will be able to communicate in writing and orally in a variety of basic and social communicative needs, including participating in simple conversations on topics beyond most immediate needs. Students at this level develop a beginning competency in understanding texts written for a general audience. Students completing level-two courses would meet ACTFL Intermediate-Mid guidelines.

Level Three (ENGL 103)  ACTFL Proficiency: Intermediate-High

Students who successfully complete the ALI’s Level Three courses will be able to read and comprehend more extended texts with an ability to recognize main ideas and clear supporting ideas. Students begin expressing cohesiveness in multi-paragraph writing, and are able to communicate orally in most social situations and, though with some difficulty, sustain a conversation related to a variety of social situations, and read a range of texts written for a general audience. Students completing level-three courses would meet ACTFL Intermediate-High guidelines.

Level Four (ENGL 104)  ACTFL Proficiency: Advanced

Students who successfully complete the ALI’s Level Four courses will be able to communicate orally in almost all social situations in a highly interactive manner, read texts written to the general population at the post-secondary level, and meet college-level writing requirements. Students are able to employ various rhetorical styles in writing such as cause-and-effect, narration and logical division. Students may be ready to begin academic work at the post-secondary (university/college) level upon completion of level four ALI courses. Students completing level-four courses would meet ACTFL Advanced guidelines.

Level Five (ENGL 105)  ACTFL Proficiency: Advanced-Plus

Students who successfully complete the ALI’s Level Five courses will be ready to begin academic work at the graduate level with an ability to read on unfamiliar topics and comprehend more complex language, to write with greater coherency and detailed support of ideas, and with oral communication skills for handling more specialized areas of knowledge and discussion. Students completing level-five courses would meet ACTFL Advanced-Plus guidelines.