SIM University (UniSIM) is committed to providing our students with support that is essential for their undergraduate studies at our university.

We have specially designed two English preparatory courses for students who do not have at least a Grade B4 in the GCE ‘O’ Level English Language (or its equivalent)*.

In particular:
1. Students with Grade C5 and C6 in the GCE ‘O’ Level English Language will be required to complete SDE101 Essential English Skills and Proficiency Assessments; and
2. Students with Grade D7 to F9 in the GCE ‘O’ Level English Language will be required to complete both SDE101 Essential English Skills and Proficiency Assessments and SDE102 Developing Academic Writing Skills.

Students who fall in the above categories are required to complete the course(s) before they may commence their undergraduate studies at UniSIM.

Details of the courses are as follows:
1. **SDE101 Essential English Skills and Proficiency Assessment** is a free online course that equips you with the necessary, essential English language skills, to enable you to function to a standard required for undergraduate studies. In short, you should be able to: (a) listen constructively and with discernment; (b) utilise key reading skills to good effect; and (c) write appropriately and to an acceptable degree of accuracy.

   Course requirements:
   - You will be required to complete two online English Proficiency Assessments.
   - Each assessment will take up to two hours to complete and comprises the following three components:
     i. Listening comprehension (20 MCQs)
     ii. Reading comprehension (20 MCQs)
     iii. Knowledge of Writing (50 MCQs)

   Course results:
   These are computer-graded assessments, and you will receive your scores as soon as you submit your answers. There is no minimum passing requirement.

2. **SDE102 Developing Academic Writing Skills** is an online module that covers some of the operational aspects and essential skills necessary for producing written work of the required standard. The purpose of each unit is to familiarise you with specific skills of writing to enable you to produce coherent and cohesive written assignments.

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Course requirements:
- You will be required to complete and submit two written assignments for feedback.

[Note: SDE102 has a cost-recovery fee of S$64.20 (inclusive of GST), which covers out-of-pocket costs of feedback on the two written assignments. We reserve the right to revise the fees when required.]

Course results:
You will receive feedback on your assignments within 14 days of the assignment submission deadline. You will have a two-week window to review the feedback on your assignments online. There is no minimum passing requirement.

*Exemption criteria*
1. All admitted students to SIM University who fulfill any of the following criteria are exempted from the English Preparatory Courses:
   - A Grade B4 in GCE 'O' level English Language, or
   - A Grade B4 in GCE 'AO' level General Paper, or
   - A Grade B4 in English Paper 121, 1120 or 1119 at SPM, or
   - A Grade 4 in English for IB Diploma holders, or
   - An IELTS score of 6.5

2. Applicants to the Chinese, Malay and Tamil undergraduate programmes as well as undergraduate programmes where the English Language requirement is an admission criterion are exempted from the English Preparatory Courses.