LSC-UP ESOL Alternate Placement Process

The LSC-UP ESOL Department is changing the procedure for students to place into ESOL courses from Accuplacer ESL to ESOL Alternate Placement (EAP). This process is effective November 10th, 2020 and will remain in effect until the end of spring 2021; the department then will determine the efficacy and feasibility of administering the EAP in future semesters.

The EAP applies to new students registering as credit or CE (academic program only), and the Accuplacer ESL will serve as a secondary placement procedure in cases where the EAP is not possible.

The ESOL Alternate Placement will be conducted by ESOL faculty at no cost to the student and will include two parts:

1. **An interview**: students and ESOL faculty will have a conversation via phone or WebEx during a pre-arranged time. Students will respond to a variety of questions during the conversation with faculty. This will be used to assess listening and speaking skills, grammar, and vocabulary.

2. **A writing sample**: Students will be emailed a reading text. They will read it and respond in written form, submitting it to the ESOL faculty. Students can type or write by hand. Writing samples can be submitted to faculty via email as a document, scanned image, or picture. This will be used to assess writing, grammar, reading comprehension, and vocabulary.

**PROCESS**

Step 1: Student applies online
Step 2: Student contacts advisor by email or phone per UP-ESOL website https://www.lonestar.edu/UP-ESOL.
Step 3: Advisor sends an email that includes the student’s pink paper information (name & ID number) and also the student’s cell phone number and personal email address to ESOL faculty at UP-ESOL@lonestar.edu.
Step 4: ESOL faculty sends an email with the time slots and WebEx/contact information to student.
Step 5: ESOL faculty conducts oral interview and emails reading text. Student responds to reading and submits via email within the assigned two-hour time block.
Step 6: ESOL faculty assesses writing and oral interview.
Step 7: ESOL faculty emails student placement recommendations to UP-AdvisingESOL-CECR@lonestar.edu.
Step 8: Advisor contacts student and assists with enrollment in ESOL courses.

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