



General Levels and Class Levels

An explanation...

What will happen this week?

- Testing, Testing, Testing...
 - Reading
 - Writing
 - Speaking
 - Listening



2 Types of Levels at ALI

- **General Level**
- Students in these levels take English (ESL) Classes
 - 101 Beginner
 - 102 High Beginner
 - 103 Low Intermediate
 - 104 High Intermediate
 - 105 Low Advanced
 - 106 High Advanced





2 Types of Levels at ALI

■ General Level (Continued)

- 106+ Levels (Higher than 106)
- Students at these levels can take 1-4 SDSU Classes for University Credit
- 106.1 = 1 SDSU Class + ESL Classes
- 106.2 = 2 SDSU Classes + ESL Classes
- 106.3 = 3 SDSU Classes + ESL Classes
- 106.4 = 4 SDSU Classes (+ ESL Classes if you want)

What is the purpose of General Level?

- Your General Level determines your eligibility for certain programs, such as Pre-MBA or the TOEFL Waiver program.
- Your General Level determines which electives and focus classes you can take.



How does ALI determine my General Level?

- General Level is determined by the tests you take this week!
- You get **ONLY ONE CHANCE** to take these tests, so do your best!
- General Level remains the same for the whole (Fall 2010) semester.

- **When can I change my General Level?**
 - If you pass all your classes this semester, your General Level can go up one level for **next (Spring 2011) semester**.
 - You can also take the Exit Test at the end of this semester. These can change your General Level for **next (Spring 2011) semester**.



2 Types of Levels at ALI

■ Class Level

- Class Levels are SEPARATE from General Level at ALI
- **Classes:** Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking, TOEFL
- **Class Levels:**
 - A = Beginner
 - B = High Beginner
 - C = Low Intermediate
 - D = High Intermediate
 - E = Low Advanced
 - F = High Advanced
 - G = Super High Advanced



More about Class Levels

- It is possible for one student to have DIFFERENT class levels, for example, Writing C, Reading D, Speaking A, Listening E.
- It is possible for students to have a low general level, but some high classes. For example, level 103 and Speaking F.
- Just because you have some high class levels does not mean you will have a high general level.



What if I feel that the tests put me in the wrong classes?

- Our tests are very good, so chances are you are in the correct level class.
- Your teachers will give **diagnostic tests** during the first week of classes. If the tests show that you have been placed in the wrong level class, you will be moved to the correct level class. **Your General Level will not be affected by any class moves.**



Procedure for Changing Class Levels

- 1. Take the diagnostic tests given in class.
- 2. Your teacher will tell you if you should move, based on the diagnostic.
- 3. The teacher will also speak to the Coordinator of that class to request the change.





- If the diagnostic tests do not show that you should change class level, then you must stay in the same class.

Elective and Focus Classes

- Students choose these classes
- Examples include English for Dance, English for Sports, Test Preparation, Conversation, Culture, Vocabulary, Idioms & Slang, and many more!!
- The available choices depend on your General Level



So, Remember...

- There are Two Types of Levels at the ALI: General Level and Class Level.
 - Your **General Level** will be determined THIS week by the tests that you take. General Level cannot change after this week.
 - Your **Class Level** will be determined THIS week by the tests that you take. In-class diagnostic tests will confirm class level.

