Franklin & Marshall College is offering an English language immersion program for international students admitted to the College for the Fall 2020 semester. The Intensive English Program: Academics and Culture at F&M is designed to prepare students for their first year of classes at Franklin & Marshall College. The IEP offers students an opportunity to practice class discussion, strengthen writing and revision skills, and learn about the expectations of F&M coursework before the semester begins. In particular, this program will help students get ready for their first-year Connections Seminar, a class that requires frequent writing, oral participation, and group work.

In addition to preparing students for the academic rigor of F&M coursework, the IEP provides an enjoyable introduction to the F&M community, the city of Lancaster, the local region, and U.S. culture. The IEP is held at F&M, so participants will have an excellent opportunity to get to know the College before the Fall semester begins, and have a headstart on making F&M feel like home. Current F&M students will serve as mentors to the IEP participants, and will help participants get adjusted to the new culture, learn about academic expectations at F&M and opportunities for research, and lead extracurricular activities to explore the campus and city of Lancaster.

IEP participants have an opportunity to get to know key people on campus and support services. The program is taught by Dr. Nadia Mann, the ESOL Specialist. During the school year, Dr. Mann offers one-on-one individual tutoring to help international students polish English language and writing skills. From Dr. Mann, IEP participants will be able to get individual feedback on their academic strengths as well as advice to help prepare for their Fall 2020 coursework.

IEP participants will also get to know the International Student Services team and learn about the type of support the Office of International Programs will provide them during their time in the U.S. Students will have many opportunities to meet F&M faculty and staff and learn about different courses and academic opportunities, and will also be introduced to resources and campus services that will help them be successful during their time at F&M.

The goal of the program is to help students begin their classes at F&M with the fundamental skills necessary for academic success, as well as confidence to engage actively in their classes and with the campus community. Past IEP participants have become leaders on campus and thrive in both academics and the larger F&M community.

The program runs for four weeks prior to the start of International Student Orientation.

Please direct questions about the program to ESOL Specialist Nadia Mann at nmann@fandm.edu.