

ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSE COURSES IN PAKISTAN AT THE POST GRADUATE LEVEL

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ABSTRACT

This paper proposes to investigate and evaluate the different types of "English for Academic Purpose (EAP)" courses in Pakistan at the post graduate level. A course in EAP usually includes activities to help students consolidate academic language skills and help them in their studies. In this historical and descriptive study, data was obtained from researches, magazines, journals, newspapers and from the experts as a result of the discussion with them during the post graduate diploma course on the Teaching of English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) at University Grants Commission, Islamabad. To answer the research questions, different English programmes of ESP, such as EAP, EOP and EST were identified. The author suggested the following types of EAP courses, to be organized in Pakistan at the post graduate level:

- A. Reading for academic purposes.
- B. Writing for academic purposes.
- C. Developing reference skills.
- D. A study skill course.
- E. Developing listening comprehension.
- F. Developing oral expression.

INTRODUCTION

In Pakistan the medium of instruction is mostly English at the post graduate level. But roughly speaking the proficiency level of the students in English is intermediate. For years the need had been felt for a course in English to aid the students in their studies and make them take maximum benefit out of it.

Before 1960, a course in general English was taught to the