**ECC Course Descriptions**

**Fall 2017**

**Freshman English Lab** (1 hour per week)

This course is designed for students enrolled in English 2 who need to build their English skills beyond the classroom. Students will practice speaking and writing in English, and they will develop additional vocabulary and grammar skills. Additionally, students will improve their reading and listening comprehension through various activities.

**College Interview Prep.** (1 hour per week)

This course is dedicated to improving the student’s confidence and competence in the interview room. Students will learn interview techniques as well as interpersonal skills. Students will also practice skills and techniques associated with public speaking as they need them on occasions such as presentations and speeches.

**English Conversation** (2 hours per week)

This course is intended to increase the English speaking, listening, and understanding abilities, necessary, to hold general conversations, to discuss specific topics, and to live and achieve in an English speaking environment. The emphasis will be on speaking fluency and ability to communicate successfully in English, developing confidence in the student.

**TOEFL Preparation** (2 hours per week)

This course will help you prepare for all areas of the TOEFL exam. TOEFL (Test Of English as a Foreign Language) is a standardized test used to measure the English language ability of non-native speakers wishing to enroll in English-speaking universities. Learn about the test components and strategies for approaching challenging questions. By building your understanding of reading, listening, speaking, and writing in English, you will be better prepared for this important test.

**SAT Preparation** (2 hours per week)

The SAT is a standardized test widely used for college admission in the United States. In this class, you will learn about the test’s structure and strategies to approach different sections of the test. Particular emphasis will be placed on SAT critical reading and vocabulary skills, as well as on the writing section of the exam.

**Technical Writing** (1 hour per week)

Writing is a key aspect of involvement in the scientific community, and writing well in English about scientific and technical topics requires a particular subset of writing skills. This class discusses different ways to write about technical subjects and the different types of technical documents. With a solid understanding of how to write for a particular audience and how to use document-type conventions effectively, you will be better prepared to participate in the larger scientific community.

**Debate Skills** (1 hour per week)

A solid understanding of the subject is only one part of a successful debate team. In this class, learn about the structure of a formal debate and hone your persuasive skills. Learn how to organize and present your ideas in informative and convincing ways. Practice speaking eloquently and extemporaneously so that you can easily respond to opposing viewpoints. This class is offered in collaboration with the math and science, which is preparing for the debate competition such as KYPT.