AMERICAN LANGUAGE PROGRAM (ALP) ESSAY EXAM

WHO SHOULD TAKE THE EXAM
Columbia University students must be comfortable with rapid and idiomatic spoken English. Therefore, all admitted students whose first language is not English are required to take the American Language Program (ALP) Essay Exam prior to course registration even if they have taken the TOEFL or IELTS exams prior to admission.

EXAM DESCRIPTION
The ALP Essay Exam is designed to measure test-takers ability in writing; no speaking portion is included. Test takers will be given 90 minutes to write an essay response to one of two essay prompts.

REGISTRATION
The American Language Program is offering the ALP Essay Exam for incoming General Studies students on the following dates:

- Tues., Aug. 20 – 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Friday, Aug. 23 – 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

To register to take the exam, visit www.gs.columbia.edu/alp-essay-exam.

Please note: Registration will open on July 19th, 2013 for both of the exams

EXAM RESULTS
The ALP Essay Exam results will be emailed to students and to their respective department ten business days after the exam date.

Results will be used by a student’s academic advisor to determine the appropriate academic plan for the first semester. Students will be required to take additional English language courses if their score on the examination is below level 10. A score below level 8 may require a deferral of the offer of admission to facilitate further, full-time, English language study. All students who earn a Level 9 on the ALP Essay Exam are required to take a 3 credit advanced writing course designed for international students.

More information about scores and score appeals may be found on the American Language Program website with may be accessed at www.gs.columbia.edu/alp-essay-exam.

CERTIFICATION
If you are currently enrolled in the American Language Program or have already taken the ALP Essay Exam, then you are exempt from taking this exam. To certify your status as such, please complete and submit the form on the reverse side of this page no later than Thurs., Aug. 1, 2013.
AMERICAN LANGUAGE PROGRAM CERTIFICATION FORM

Name: __________________________________________________________________________

Address: ________________________________________________________________________

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Email: __________________________________________________________________________

Phone: ___________________________ PID Number: ________________________________

Please check the option that applies.

☐ I have already taken the English Certification Test (ECT).

Date taken (Prior to July 2010): ____________

☐ I have already taken the ALP Essay Exam.

Date taken: ____________

☐ I am currently in ALP; currently in level: ____________

☐ I am a native English speaker.

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Signature                               Date

SUBMIT THIS FORM TO
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