

<b>Name of Extension/Public Service</b> (The name of the service being offered)	English Plus Course for International Students (EPC)
<b>Objective</b> (Description of the service being provided; History of service provision)	<p>Since 2000, the UPLB CAS LITE Program has been helping UPLB international graduate and undergraduate students improve their basic English language proficiency through the English Plus Course.</p> <p>The English Plus Course is a three- to four-week course that covers two areas—Pronunciation Improvement and Oral Presentation, and Conversational Fluency. It is supplemented by a two-hour daily guided interaction and a cultural exposure trip within the University of the Philippines Los Baños and the International Rice Research Institute, including a whole-day trip to the different towns in the province of Laguna.</p> <p>The program has mentored international undergraduate and graduate students and faculty and helped them develop vocabulary that is adequate to cope with a variety of situations. They also learned to speak English with sufficient accuracy to be able to effectively participate in both formal and informal conversations. They were trained to pronounce distinct critical sounds of English, and correctly enunciate English sounds in simple sentences and actual conversations. They were also exposed to the varying tools of communication, which they can use in giving oral presentations.</p>
<b>Duration/Date</b>	One hundred hours spread over two to three weeks
<b>Target Beneficiaries</b>	International graduate and undergraduate students seeking to improve their English proficiency
<b>Cost of Participation</b>	PhP 44,471 per participant, inclusive of the course fee (PhP 21,000), non-course fee for food, accommodation and Bureau of Immigration Special Study Permit (PhP 22,271), and transportation fee (PhP 1,200)
<b>Office in Charge</b>	Language Instruction Towards Excellence (LITE) Program College of Arts Sciences University of the Philippines Los Baños
<b>Office Profile</b> <b>Degree granting or non-degree granting</b> <b>Purpose of creation</b> <b>Location in the hierarchy</b>	<p>The Language Instruction Towards Excellence (LITE) Program is an extension arm of the College of Arts and Science, which has been at the forefront of the College’s internalization efforts for two decades now.</p> <p>A non-degree-granting program, it was designed to help UPLB international graduate students achieve the required standard of linguistic and communicative competence to hurdle academic life in the university.</p>

<p>(Background of the office providing the service i.e. Number of personnel and Key personnel providing the service)</p>	<p>The LITE Program is under the Dean’s Office of the College of Arts and Sciences of the UPLB.</p>
<p><b>Awards/recognition received by the office</b> (The awards given by or received by the office offering the service, if any)</p>	<p><i>CAS Outstanding Extension Program</i> Given November 20, 2015</p>
<p><b>Official website and Social media accounts</b> (The link to the official website of the service)</p>	<p><a href="https://cas-lite-program.firebaseio.com/">https://cas-lite-program.firebaseio.com/</a>  <a href="https://www.facebook.com/uplb.cas.liteprogram/">https://www.facebook.com/uplb.cas.liteprogram/</a></p>
<p><b>External links for documentation</b> (The external links featuring the service [for the electronic copy, e.g. features in newspapers etc.] )</p>	<p>UPLB CAS ACCENTS Vol. 18 No. 4 (July-Sept. 2016 issue) UPLB CAS ACCENTS Vol. 18 No. 2 (March-May 2016 issue)</p>
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<b>Other Remarks</b>	A total of 240 participants have joined the EPC from 2012-2016.
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