

Language Support Report for 2024–2025

In the 2024–2025 academic year, Azerbaijan University has actively continued its efforts to enhance students' academic language skills through various training sessions and informative events organized by the Department of Foreign Languages.

As part of the ongoing **series of academic writing workshops**, several thematic training sessions were successfully held:

- A session on **“Cause and Effect”** writing was led by **Aynur Hasanova**, a faculty member of the Department of Foreign Languages.
- Another session focused on **“Argumentative Essay”** writing, conducted by **Sabahat Hajiyeve**, also a lecturer in the department.
- A further training on **“Compare & Contrast Essay”** was delivered by **Subi Ganbarova**, and was notable for the participation of both Foreign Languages and Translation & Philology department instructors, fostering interdisciplinary collaboration.

These trainings aim to strengthen students' academic writing proficiency, critical thinking, and overall communication in English — all essential skills for academic and professional success.

In addition to writing workshops, an **IELTS information session** was organized in cooperation with representatives from **Barratson** company. This session was specifically arranged to introduce students to **international education opportunities** and the **IELTS exam process**.

During the session:

- **Galib Abbaszade**, Development Manager at Barratson, provided an overview of the company's services and the study-abroad programs they offer.
- **Bahman Hajiyeve**, an expert in international education, discussed the advantages that **international certificates** offer in today's job market.
- **Shahmar Hasanov**, IELTS Supervisor, presented detailed information about the **structure, content, preparation strategies**, and **scoring** of the IELTS exam.

During this year Fifteen students from Azerbaijan University successfully passed the PTE (Pearson Test of English) exams and obtained international language certificates at levels B1 (Level 2), B2 (Level 3), and C1 (Level 4). The certification exam consisted of two stages: an oral and a written component. Seven candidates passed the Level 2 exam, six passed the Level 3 exam, and two passed the Level 4 exam. The international equivalency scores are as follows: B1 = IELTS 4-5 or TOEFL 57-86, B2 = IELTS 5-6.5 or TOEFL 87-109, and C1 = IELTS 7-8 or TOEFL 95-110.

These initiatives reflect Azerbaijan University's commitment to supporting students in developing strong language skills and preparing for global academic and career opportunities.