

LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

2009 Summer Short Courses

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❖ Beginning to Low Intermediate Courses

MAY Courses		JULY Courses	
ESL: Dramatic English	T&Th 9am-12pm	ESL: Grammar Basics	MWF 12pm-2pm
<p>Improve your overall speaking fluency by participating in skits and improvisations. Overcome your fear of speaking by taking on the personality of different characters. Perform short monologues, dialogues, and improvisational skits. Attention is given to nonverbal language and voice-projection exercises. By the end of the class, you should feel more confident about your ability to communicate orally in English.</p>		<p>Review basic rules of spoken and written English grammar. Use (not memorize) the rules in real, communicative activities including writing letters, e-mails, blogs, and performing dialogues. This course is ideal if you know minimal English or would like to learn how to communicate more accurately in English.</p>	

Offered MAY & JULY

ESL: Everyday Conversation	May: MWF 9am-11am	July: MWF [A] / [B] 9am-11am
<p>Learn and practice vocabulary and idiomatic phrases needed to communicate in everyday life. Participate in role plays based on various situations, including eating at a restaurant, shopping, meeting new people, getting directions, buying a car, and going to a party. Work on any pronunciation problems that interfere with clear communication. The goal of the class is for you to gain confidence in your ability to speak to Americans informally.</p>		
ESL: Topics in the News	May: MWF 12pm-2pm	July: T&Th 9am-12pm
<p>Practice all four skills in English. Read and listen to various news stories in local newspapers and news programs, and collect various news stories throughout the course. As a final project, create a Language Institute news Web site with both print and video stories. You will have full responsibility for writing and producing news articles and video clips, as well as designing the website.</p>		
ESL: Reading Club	May: MWF 2pm-4pm	July: MWF 2pm-4pm
<p>Read short stories, magazine articles, or very short novels outside of class. Then, during class, discuss the characters, events, or other content of what you have read. Your instructor will help you with vocabulary and give cultural background to the stories.</p>		

❖ Intermediate to Advanced Courses

MAY Courses

ESL: Better Writing MWF 12pm-2pm

Practice making your vocabulary, grammar, and punctuation more accurate in your writing. Learn various techniques for sentence combination and word-order variations, and learn how to identify weaknesses in your writing. Get feedback on how to improve these areas. Learn to recognize differences in formal and informal writing in terms of vocabulary, grammatical structures, and punctuation.

ESL: Building Stronger Vocabulary MWF 2pm-4pm

Understand and use common idioms and expressions in everyday conversation in English. Listen to the vocabulary in authentic contexts and learn to incorporate some of the expressions into your spoken English. Study vocabulary that will appear on standardized college entrance tests such as the SAT and GRE. Study word roots and parts to help you figure out meanings of unfamiliar words. Some class time is devoted to practicing vocabulary in realistic test settings.

3-Week Courses
18 Hours of Instruction
\$270 per Course

JULY Courses

ESL: American Popular Culture T&Th [A] 9am-12pm / [B] 1pm-4pm

Use the skills of writing, reading, speaking, and listening in English as you learn about American popular culture. You and your classmates will do research on several areas of American culture, including music, film, sports, and advertising. You will read, listen to lectures and song lyrics, watch video segments, and do a number of site visits in and around Atlanta. You will keep a written and oral journal of your discoveries. Tuition includes the cost of two entrance fees to two sites. Students will be expected to use MARTA (Atlanta's public transportation system) for transportation to the sites (\$20 fee for site visits)

ESL: Research Writing MWF [A] 9am-11am / [B] 12pm-2pm

Practice your writing skills by writing two short research papers. The first will be on a topic specified by the instructor. The second will be on individually selected topics (related to your major field recommended). Emphasis in the course will be on learning how to paraphrase and synthesize information effectively, combine ideas using sophisticated cohesive devices, and cite information correctly. You will be expected to read several articles for each research topic. During the course you will learn how to identify weaknesses in your writing and get feedback on how to improve these areas.

ESL: Business Communication T&Th [A] 9am-12pm / [B] 1pm-4pm

Learn typical business vocabulary for reading, writing, and speaking. Write short business memos and reports. Discuss case studies about employees, products, or customers. Give at least one brief business presentation.

ESL: Movie Making T&Th [A] 9am-12pm / [B] 1pm-4pm

Practice all the language skills—speaking, listening, writing, and reading—while making a class movie. Learn the basics of using movie-editing software and make a Web site for the film about a topic that interests you. Past topics include the Cherokee Indians and the city of Atlanta. Research your topic of interest and learn film techniques. Present information on film while visiting actual topic-related sites. As a final project, you will use your research and video clips to create a short documentary film and a live web site.

Offered MAY & JULY

ESL: American Pronunciation May: MWF 9am-11am July: MWF [A] 12pm-2pm / [B] 2pm-4pm

Learn how to pronounce English more clearly and identify aspects of your pronunciation that interfere with the clarity of your communication. Learn to pronounce problematic sounds as well as learn rules for pausing, phrasing, intonation, linking, and stress. Use special exercises to help practice various aspects of pronunciation as well as exercises to help you incorporate these new speech patterns into normal conversation. By the end of the course, you should have the ability to do some self-monitoring of your pronunciation.

ESL: American Studies May: T&Th 1pm-4pm July: T&Th [A] 9am-12pm / [B] 1pm-4pm

Use the skills of writing, reading, speaking, and listening in English as you learn about the city of Atlanta from a historical and contemporary perspective, from slavery and the Civil War to Martin Luther King Jr. and the Civil Rights Movement to the headquarters of Coca-Cola, Home Depot, and CNN, and a vibrant music scene. Read as well as listen to lectures and watch movie segments about the city. Keep a written and oral journal of your discoveries. Spend part of class visiting the CNN Center and the Atlanta History Center. Tuition includes the cost of two entrance fees at these sites. Students will be expected to use MARTA (Atlanta's public transportation system) for transportation to CNN and the Atlanta History Center. (\$20 fee for site visits)

ESL: iBT TOEFL Preparation May: MWF 9am-11am July: MWF 2pm-4pm

Prepare to take the iBT (Internet-based) TOEFL. Learn the format of each of the four TOEFL sections, including writing, reading, speaking, and listening. Learn what to expect on the test and practice answering questions similar to those that actually appear on the test. Get feedback on how well you perform the various tasks required on the test. A textbook is required (available at the Georgia Tech bookstore).

ESL: Public Speaking May: T&Th 9am-12pm July: MWF [A] 9am-11am / [B] 12pm-2pm / [C] 2pm-4pm

Learn how to give better presentations in English. Learn pronunciation as well as the cultural rules, such as how to organize information, use visual aids, use body language appropriately, and interact with an audience, large or small.