

Bloomsburg University International Speech and Language Center



English as a Second or Other Language (ESOL) Institute



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About the ESOL Institute

International students often discover that they have not mastered the English language with proficiency to pass the TOEFL or IELTS and gain admission to a University in the United States. Other international students may attain an excellent TOEFL/IELTS score but are not prepared for the differences in the United States classroom expectations and culture. International students many times have difficulty understanding the semantic meaning of conversations/discussions and verbally being understood because of pronunciation and appropriate grammar.

The ESOL Institute at Bloomsburg University is designed to address these issues and prepare international students for their studies in United States Universities. In addition, the Institute provides cultural support by helping students adjust to university life and participate in both campus and community functions. Overall, the ESOL Institute at Bloomsburg University provides students with a running start of familiarity and confidence necessary to become an integral part of the campus community.

Curriculum

The ESOL curriculum is designed for non-native speakers and international students who need English skills to participate in American society, to enroll in vocational or academic programs at the college level, or to enter or advance in the workplace. Students will attain and refine language and study skills as well as deepen their knowledge of U.S. culture through a series of specially designed courses in sentence structure, reading, writing, speaking, listening, pronunciation, and conversation. Students have access to computer, video, and lab equipment through the Independent Learning Center. Individual and group tutoring can be arranged.

For more information on our ESOL Institute and the curriculum it offers, please visit our web site at www.bloomu.edu/esl.

Program Goals

- Provide an introduction to the style, academic expectations and culture of the classes.
- Produce intensive work to refine note taking presentation, reading and academic writing skills.
- Develop pronunciation skills.
- Develop semantic understanding of discussions.
- Provide a chance to observe and participate in university classes without taking for credit.
- Develop an understanding of the culture and social behavior.



6 Levels of ESL Instruction

Conversation Partners

Off Campus Activities

On-line Learning Programs

What better way to "***Unleash your Inner Husky***" than through the variety of student life opportunities, from tackling a 30-foot indoor climbing wall or navigating an outdoor high ropes course to building life-long friendships in hundreds of student groups to gaining resume-building experience through a number of student leadership positions and opportunities.

Get Involved ... with more than 200 student clubs and organizations, there's a group just for you — ranging from community service, faith, the arts, business, entertainment and athletics.

Get Fit ... through a variety of options whether it's team-oriented, outdoor adventure, the buddy system or with your own personal trainer.

Diversity ... enriches our lives through diversity of thought, activities and people. Our campus community is brought together as we learn about, experience and discover the world and each other.

Health and Safety ... are important in any community, especially in a residential campus like BU — home to health care professionals helping you stay healthy, counselors assisting you to deal with college stresses and police officers providing a secure campus environment.

Student Affairs ... oversees a dynamic and diverse student life with hundreds of ways for you to engage, grow and define your Inner Husky.

Course Design

Speaking

The Speaking courses focus on both fluency and accuracy when speaking American English. The courses also focus on conversational English skills, pronunciation, vocabulary, idioms, slang, and public speaking. The High Intermediate and Advanced Speaking courses focus on public speaking and speaking skills that students use in mainstream academic coursework.

Writing

The Writing courses focus on helping non-native speakers of English with writing for academic purposes. These courses explore the process of writing and help students become more successful writers. All of the Writing courses blend accuracy with fluency and encourage students to focus on both meaning and form. The lower level Writing courses are primarily concerned with a firm base in English grammar, while the high level Writing courses are primarily concerned with the strategies and production of five-paragraph essays and also seek to assist with difficult/advanced grammar.

Reading

The Reading courses focus on vocabulary skills as well as identifying the main ideas and supporting points of paragraphs and essays in English. These courses also offer experience and strategies for reading a number of different genres in English for academic purposes. The High Intermediate and Advanced Reading courses focus on mainstream academic texts and give students the opportunity to discuss the texts in class.

Listening

The listening courses focus on vocabulary skills as well as identifying the main ideas and supporting points of spoken English (lectures, discussions, conversations). The courses also enforce many different listening strategies and give students the opportunity to utilize those strategies both inside and outside of the classroom. Listening and note-taking skills that students need in order to be successful in their mainstream academic course work are emphasized in the higher level classes, while the lower levels emphasize listening skills and strategies needed for everyday life and conversation.



How to Register:

*Bloomsburg University offers conditional acceptance to international students who meet all other criteria for university acceptance albeit the required TOEFL or IELTS scores. Students with insufficient TOEFL and/or IELTS scores will be required to enroll full-time in the ESOL Institute until the required level of English language proficiency has been met.

*Individuals interested in applying to Bloomsburg University for conditional acceptance can visit the following website:

<http://www.bloomu.edu/how-to-apply>

*Once the ESOL Institute receives notification of a student's conditional acceptance, the student is required to send the following items to the address listed below:

1. **ESL Program Application**
2. **\$200.00 (U.S.) non-refundable registration fee (This should be a money order or cashier's check in U.S. dollars made payable to Bloomsburg University, with applicants name.)**
3. **Copy of Visa, passport, and I-20 (if applicable) *Please refer to the website for I-20 policy***
4. **Source of financial support**

Cost:

- Price includes evaluation, placement, and enrollment in the ESOL Institute.
- Full and part-time options are available
 - Full-time (30 hours/ week): \$4,000 per semester
 - * Full-time is required for conditional acceptance*
 - Half and part-time options available for students already accepted to BU
- Housing and meals are not included.

Dates:

- ESOL Institute strives to follow semester start and end dates for Spring, Summer & Fall semesters
- <http://www.bloomu.edu/academic-calendar> (Winter semester is not an ESOL session)
- Specific application deadlines and orientation/evaluation dates available upon initial contact



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Institute Goals

- Provide an introduction to American culture and society.
- Develop pronunciation skills.
- Provide a chance for individuals to interact using the English language in public places.
- Provide support to develop skills needed to enter or advance in the workplace.
- Develop basic conversation skills
- Produce intensive work to develop reading, writing, listening and speaking skills.

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About the ESOL Institute:

Members of the local community that are non-native speakers of English often discover that they do not possess the English language proficiency needed to participate in American society. The ESOL Institute is for those individuals from the community who wish to learn English or improve English fluency and pronunciation in order to successfully participate in their community.

Non-native speakers will have classes in the following areas:

- Reading
- Writing
- Speaking
- Listening
- Pronunciation
- Conversation

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 - Part-time (6 hours/ week): \$840 per semester
 - Part-time (3 hours/week): \$420 per semester

