GUIDE
TO THE EDUCATION SYSTEM
IN THE UNITED STATES
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ISSS
International Student & Scholar Services
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ESL OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS THAT ARE GETTING READY TO ATTEND COLLEGE (or just want to improve their English skills)

ESL classes are a perfect opportunity to improve your English skills, meet new people and learn something new about the culture. As a spouse or dependent of an international student or scholar you may choose from the following options:

**ESL Classes at the University of Minnesota**

The University of Minnesota provides a wide range of ESL classes. You may consider checking university classes and programs. To find a list of classes go to [http://onestop.umn.edu/onestop](http://onestop.umn.edu/onestop) and check under class search.

English Language Program
323 Nolte Center
Tel: 612-624-1183

Courses are offered in all skills: speaking, pronunciation, listening, writing, grammar, and reading. These advanced level classes for academic credit are designed to meet the needs of undergraduates, graduate students, postdoctoral researchers, and spouses who want to upgrade their English to be more effective. Classes can be found in the Course Schedule under English as a Second language (ESL 3101, 3102, 3201, 3202, 3302, 3501, 3502, 3551)

**ESL Programs in the Twin Cities**

**Global Language Institute**
College of St. Scholastica
340 Cedar St. Suite 25
St. Paul, MN55101
Phone: 651-209-3522
E-mail: info@gli.org
Website: [www.gli.org](http://www.gli.org)

Global Language Institute has programs for high school or university students, international business executives or someone in need of improving their English skills for personal or professional reasons.

**ESL Language Centers**

**University of St. Thomas**
Mail CHC203
2115 Summit Ave.
St. Paul, MN55105
Website: [www.gli.org](http://www.gli.org)
Nonprofit Organizations

The Minnesota Literacy Council (MLC)
756 Transfer Road
St. Paul, MN 55114-1404
Website: http://www.themlc.org/
The Minnesota Literacy Council (MLC) is a nonprofit, statewide organization that provides literacy services to adults, children, volunteers and community programs around Minnesota. MLC offers ESL classes as well. MLC provides direct adult literacy services in Minneapolis at HiawathaLakeLearningCenter, NortheastLearningCenter, and NorthSideLearningCenter and manages a wide range of other direct service literacy programs in the Twin Cities area. Please visit “Adult Learning Sites” or “Children’s Services” sections for more information about these and other programs.

Conversation Programs

Tandem Plus
LanguageCenter
Tel: 612-626-6050
E-mail: tandem@umn.edu

This program provides an opportunity to practice language skills and to explore culture. Partners meet informally, but on a regular basis, and spend half of the time speaking English and the other half speaking the student’s native language. Once matched, partners determine when, where and how often to meet. Program matches are made shortly after the start of each semester.

Partners in English
Teaching and Learning Services, Caroline Rosen
Tel: 612-625-3017

Program gives priority to matching graduate students and scholars. It offers participants an opportunity to practice conversational English. Sign-up is an on-going basis.