



GUIDE
TO THE EDUCATION SYSTEM
IN THE UNITED STATES

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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> 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 researches, 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

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

Nonprofit Organizations

The Minnesota Literacy Council (MLC)

756 Transfer Road

St. Paul, MN55114-1404

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.