FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who can use the English Language Learners Program services?
English language classes and tutoring are open only to international graduate students currently enrolled at Northwestern, or international scholars such as staff, visiting faculty, and post-doctoral fellows. Undergraduates may take our courses only with written permission from their academic advisors. We do not offer classes for the general public or to spouses of NU affiliates. Check our website for a list of private tutors who offer services for the general public. Contact the Assistant Director directly for advice on local classes that are available to the public.

What is ‘auditing’?
Auditing students participate in all of the class activities, but do not receive a grade, and the course will not appear on their official transcript. Many students need to audit our courses rather than officially registering through CAESAR, especially visiting scholars, faculty, and students from Kellogg or the School of Law.

How do I audit English Language Learners courses?
Masters students, faculty, staff, and visiting scholars may audit an ELLP course if space is available. PhD students may not audit courses and must enroll for credit. To audit a course, you will need to register online via the English Language Programs website. See the back of this page for registration dates, or visit our website. Our courses are limited to 15 students each to give the maximum amount of attention to each student.

How do I register for English Language Learners classes?
Anyone wishing to participate in any of our programs must register online via our registration page (link below). PhD students are also required to register for the course through CAESAR.

http://groups.linguistics.northwestern.edu/esl/registration.htm

How much do the English Language Learners classes cost?
ALL of our services are free.

When do English Language Learners classes start?
ELLP courses follow The Graduate School’s academic calendar, with classes in the fall, winter, and spring quarters. No classes are held in the summer quarter. Check the university’s academic calendar for information on registration dates and the start date for the current quarter.

Where can my spouse/friend take English classes?
The conversation courses offered by the Community Council for International Students, the Speech and Language Clinic in NU’s School of Communication are both open enrollment programs. Oakton Community College also provides both free and tuition based English courses at locations in Evanston, including Evanston Township High School, Evanston Public Library, and NU’s McManus Living-Learning Center. See the Resources section on our website for more information on local courses in ESL.

NU-ESL Mailing List

Our mailing list allows you to keep in touch with other international graduate students! Get the latest news and updates on ELP classes, tutoring, and workshops. Ask questions, share advice, or look for a roommate: it’s up to you.

To subscribe to the list, send an e-mail message from the account that you want to receive messages from list in. Address the message to:

listserv@listserv.it.northwestern.edu

Put the following request on the first line of the message and do not use a subject header:

subscribe NU-ESL yourfirstname yourlastname

For example:

subscribe NU-ESL Mary Smith

To cancel your list membership, send an e-mail to

listserv@listserv.it.northwestern.edu

with the following request on the first line of the message and no subject header:

unsubscribe NU-ESL

Be sure to send your messages from the same account you used to subscribe to the listserv.

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Classes
In the winter quarter, we offer two sections of Linguistics 380, “Spoken English for Nonnative Speakers”. Section 20 is Culture and Fluency and Section 21 is Conversation and Fluency.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:
Anyone who wishes to enroll in a class (either as an auditor or a student taking the course for credit) must complete our online registration process first. Registration dates are listed in the table below.

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<td>Advance registration period for all PhD students</td>
<td>November 19 (8:00 AM) to November 30 (5:00 PM)</td>
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<td>Open registration period for TGS Affiliates (PhD students, postdoctoral fellows, visiting postdoctoral fellows, and students in a TGS masters program)</td>
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<td>Open registration period for TGS PhD and Masters students to add classes or change grading options</td>
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<td>Registration opens for NU Affiliates: professional master's students, research associates, visiting scholars, visiting pre-doctoral fellows, faculty and staff may apply as auditors</td>
<td>January 5 (8:00 AM)</td>
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<td>Waiting lists close for all students and scholars</td>
<td>January 16, 5:00 PM</td>
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Please visit our website at the link below to register.
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- Students registered on CAESAR are given priority over auditors.
- Only PhD students and students in a TGS master’s program may register on CAESAR.
- Permission numbers will be given to students who wish to take the course for credit after they have completed our online registration form.

For more information on who is eligible for our programs, please visit our online eligibility policies:
http://groups.linguistics.northwestern.edu/esl/eligibility.htm

Class Descriptions:
Linguistics 380 Section 20: Culture and Fluency
(CAESAR course #25515)
Meeting time: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:00PM - 6:20PM
Instructor: Daniel Tucker
Location: Annenberg Hall G28
First day of class: Tuesday, January 6, 2015

This course is designed to help students learn about American culture while developing and refining their English conversation, discussion, and discourse skills. While some attention will be given to American English intonation, word stress, and pronunciation, the primary purpose of this class is to explore functions of American English important for fluency in conversational speech. A major goal is to gain skills and knowledge needed to comfortably and confidently contribute to discussions about various aspects of American culture. This course will also help improve your performance on tasks and activities involving spoken English, such as oral proficiency exams, presentations, teaching, and day-to-day social interactions.

Linguistics 380 Section 21: Conversation and Fluency
(CAESAR course #25516)
Meeting Time: Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:00PM - 6:20PM
Instructor: Dr. Jennifer Alexander Kiefer
Location: Annenberg Hall G28
First day of class: Monday, January 5, 2015

This course is focused on fluency and comprehensibility in conversation in both informal and academic settings. It is designed to help students develop and refine their English conversation, discussion, and discourse skills. While some attention will be given to American English intonation, word stress, and pronunciation, the primary purpose of this class is to explore functions of American English important for fluency in conversational speech. This will help improve your performance on tasks and activities involving spoken English, such as oral proficiency exams, presentations, teaching, and day-to-day social interactions.

NativeAccent™ Online Software
Developed at Carnegie Mellon University’s Language Technologies Institute, NativeAccent™ Speech Training software provides individualized instruction that is accessible through the University’s MultiMedia Learning Center (MMLC), or online from any computer with an Internet connection, headset with boom microphone, and Adobe Flash enabled browser.

To use the software, students must register online at our website, and then create an online account. Registration begins on January 5th at 10:00 AM for PhD students, postdocs, and TGS masters students.

Registration begins on Monday, January 10th for all other affiliates, such as professional masters students, visiting scholars, visiting pre-doctoral fellows, research associates, faculty, and staff.

To register, visit us at:
http://groups.linguistics.northwestern.edu/esl/registration.htm

Tutoring
Meet individually with a tutor from the Department of Linguistics for 30 minutes each week for English language practice that is tailored to your specific needs, which may include:

- Conversation practice
- Pronunciation/Intonation/Stress & Rhythm
- Cross-cultural communication
- Grammar
- Practice in writing
- Presentations
- SPEAK/Versant preparation
- Other topics

To Register for Individual Tutoring:
Anyone who wishes to enroll must complete our online registration process first. Please visit our website at the link below to register. Registration dates are listed in the table below.

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TUTORING OFFICE HOURS
Our tutors hold office hours each week during the academic quarter. Any NU international student or scholar may stop by the English Language Programs Office at any time during office hours without an appointment to work with a tutor. The ELP Office is located in Room 205 of the Department of Linguistics at 2016 Sheridan Road. The Winter Quarter schedule will be posted on our website beginning January 5th.