



# BROOKLYN SCHOOL *of* LANGUAGES

**LEARN ENGLISH IN BROOKLYN HEIGHTS**  
THE VILLAGE IN THE CITY

2015



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# 01 / ABOUT US

Welcome to the Brooklyn School of Languages, where you will immediately feel like part of the family!

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Brooklyn School of Languages is a local, independent language school with a warm welcome and excellent student services. Our focus is on our students and meeting their language learning needs, all in our comfortable and fully-equipped school. Our classes are small (maximum of 10 students) to ensure they receive the best possible language learning experience.

We aim to provide our students with a different New York City experience, as well as the opportunity to discover the diverse and vibrant borough of Brooklyn. Our courses come with a unique Brooklyn enrichment program, which allows students to take part in local activities and fully immerse themselves in the culture and community.





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## WHY BROOKLYN?

**A RELAXED, UNCROWDED,  
AND HIP ALTERNATIVE TO  
MANHATTAN**

Brooklyn is a haven from the fast-paced Manhattan lifestyle, and yet it is located just over the bridge!

The borough has kept all its natural beauty, charm and sophistication. The best way to fully experience and appreciate it is to walk or cycle its streets. Soak up the cultural diversity and enjoy the feeling of being part of such a large community.

World-class cultural institutions, trendy art galleries and museums, beaches (including Brighton Beach), city and amusement parks, New York's only aquarium, Coney Island, first-rate shopping, festivals, and exciting nightlife... Brooklyn has it all.

**A VARIETY OF  
NEIGHBORHOODS TO  
EXPLORE**

Brooklyn has more diversity in its neighborhoods than any other borough in New York City:

- Just under the Brooklyn Bridge, DUMBO is one of the newest, liveliest areas
- Fort Greene is vibrant and artsy,
- Park Slope has cool bars and restaurants
- Brooklyn Heights offers beautiful brownstones, as well as a spectacular promenade along the East River with incredible views of Manhattan
- Prospect Heights, Downtown Brooklyn, and Greenpoint are all up-and-coming areas
- And let's not forget the supremely hip Williamsburg, one of New York City's hottest areas.

And in the middle of it all is Prospect Park, a 585-acre urban oasis located in the heart of Brooklyn, and designed by the same architects who created Central Park. It's the perfect place to spend an afternoon far from the chaos and crowds of the city.

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# LOCATION

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**MINUTES' WALK**  
from the Brooklyn Promenade

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**STOP FROM MANHATTAN**  
on the Subway



**WITHIN A FEW MINUTES'**  
walk from school



**SUBWAYS**  
on the school's doorstep

The school is situated in the heart of Brooklyn Heights, just a 7-minute walk from the famous Brooklyn Promenade, which looks out over Manhattan and the Brooklyn Bridge. There are a wide variety of shops, restaurants and bars all within a few minutes of the school, as well as a nearby subway station serving the 2, 3, 4, 5, and R lines.

Brooklyn School of Languages is just one subway stop from Manhattan. Our school offers modern classrooms, a small communal kitchen area, free internet and Wi-Fi, and stunning views of the Statue of Liberty and New York City skyline.

Being based in Brooklyn also allows us to offer affordable housing options close to the school. Learn English at the Brooklyn School of Languages and be part of a real New York community!







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## FACILITIES

### SCHOOL BUILDING

The school takes up the entire 34th floor of Brooklyn's tallest landmark building, which was built in 1928. The views of Manhattan, Brooklyn and the Statue of Liberty are breathtaking!

### CLASSROOMS

Modern classrooms offering amazing panoramic views of the city.

### COMPUTERS & INTERNET

Access to several internet-connected iPads. Free wireless internet access throughout the center.

### REFRESHMENTS

Hot fresh coffee and water served daily. Doughnuts and pastries served every Friday for our graduation.

### 360 VIEWS

Panoramic views of Manhattan, Brooklyn and the Statue of Liberty.



## 05 / METHODOLOGY

Each of our levels can be completed in 6 weeks, provided that you are motivated. Our courses are designed to improve your English language skills in an effective and enjoyable way, but it is also up to you to participate, do your homework and make the most of the program during your time in Brooklyn.

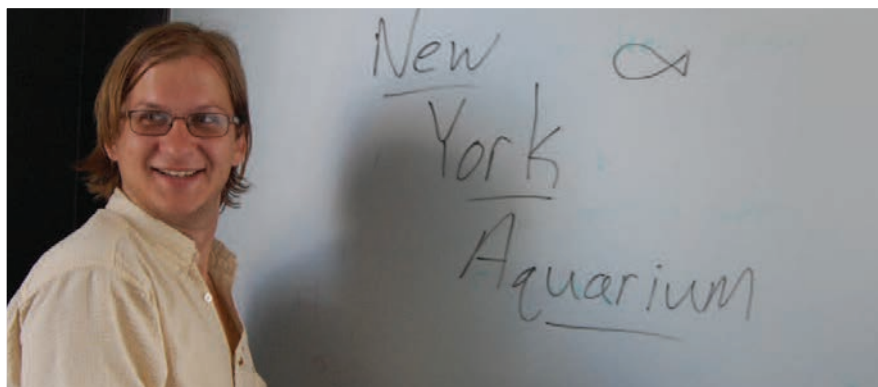
### COMMUNICATIVE APPROACH

The more you practice English, the faster you will learn it. That is why our teachers will encourage you to speak in English at all times. Each lesson features pair and group work activities that motivate students to communicate through problem-solving tasks and interesting topics, making learning more enjoyable and interactive.

### STUDENT-CENTERED INSTRUCTION

Student-centered teaching methods promote active learning. Our students answer questions, formulate questions of their own, solve problems, discuss, explain, brainstorm, and debate independently as well as with their fellow classmates. Learning in small groups (maximum of 10 students per class) ensures that all learners are actively participating at all times.





## INTEGRATED GRAMMAR INSTRUCTION

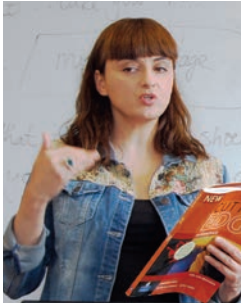
Grammar is taught in a meaningful context by using authentic texts and real life speech. Grammar lessons are not separated from other instructional units but integrated into the larger context of speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Our teachers guide students to examine linguistic structures and then use their own knowledge to explain language use and form.

## EXPERIENTIAL & COOPERATIVE LEARNING

At Brooklyn School of Languages students are actively involved in the language learning experience. Our teachers encourage you to reflect on your own learning process and to make the most of your personal learning style. Cooperative learning tasks are intellectually demanding and creative. Genuine teamwork contributes decisively to our students' success.

## AUTHENTIC LEARNING MATERIALS AND ENVIRONMENT

In our classrooms we provide real-life situations to practice and develop your English language skills. We use textbooks along with a wide range of additional resources to expose our students to authentic language in context and make learning inviting and motivating. Students will be exposed to different English accents and develop a variety of skills and strategies that help them function independently and confidently outside the classroom.



## OUR TEACHERS

Our instructors are fluent speakers of English at a native level who push their students to progress in their knowledge and understanding as fast as possible. All of our teachers are trained to design lessons around their students' interests to make learning contextual, to keep their students motivated, and to build learner confidence.

Being fully immersed in the target language is the best way to quickly improve, and that is why the only language spoken in our classrooms is English. Your teacher will provide detailed explanations in English as well as visual support, e.g. pictures, symbols, and illustrations. Being exposed to English through total immersion ensures that you will learn new expressions and structures both consciously and unconsciously.

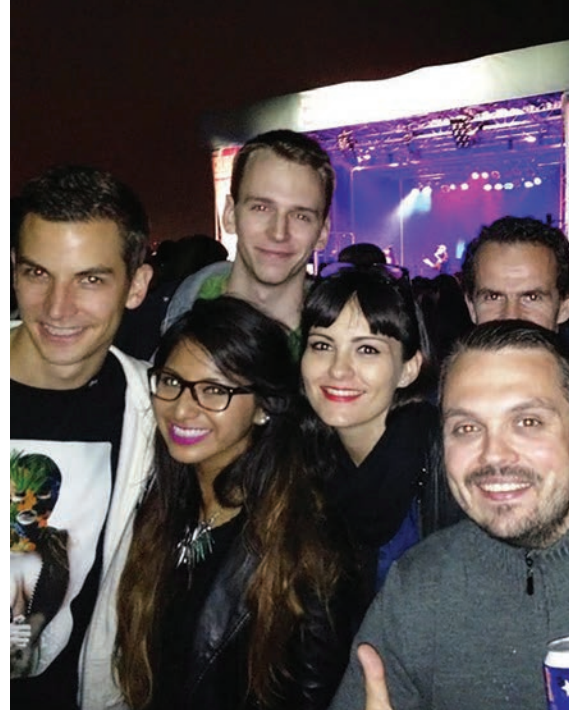
Our teachers challenge and support every student by providing individual feedback and suggestions about how each participant can further improve his/her English language skills.

## UNIQUE ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

If you choose to participate in our Semi-Intensive program, you will have extra enrichment lessons focusing on a specific subject. Whether the topic is New York City music, food or arts, students will be treated to hands-on experiences in a variety of cultural areas.

Topics vary over a period of 12 weeks to avoid repetition and to reflect the local cultural events occurring in New York City at the time. The purpose is to gain exposure to diverse subjects in order to increase fluency and confidence in English on a variety of topics and real-life situations.

Students enrolled in the Standard Course are invited to attend a FREE enrichment class on the first Monday of their program to decide if they would like to switch to the Semi-Intensive Course for the rest of their stay.



^ A visit to the Tenement Museum

Outdoor concert at Brooklyn Bridge Park for the Brooklyn Festival >

THEME OF THE WEEK	CLASS MATERIAL MON: 2:00-2:45* TUES-THURS: 1:15-2:00	ACTIVITY 1 AFTERNOON/EVENING	ACTIVITY 2 AFTERNOON/EVENING	EVENING ACTIVITY (OPTIONAL, NOT INCLUDED IN FEE)
NYC FOOD AND DINING	Famous chefs, restaurants, and traditional NYC foods	Visit Chelsea Market/ Eataly	Restaurant Kitchen tour	Dinner
FASHION IN NYC	Related to the fashion industry and the unique style in the city.	FIT Museum	Charles James exhibit at the Met	Fashion show (if scheduled)
FILM IN NYC	Historical overview of film industry in NYC, view iconic scenes shot in city	Tour of Iconic locations for NYC films (Firehouse from Ghostbusters, Buildings from Sex and the City, etc.)	Museum of the Moving Image in Astoria.	Film Festivals or Premiers (if scheduled)
IMMIGRANTS IN NYC	Influences of immigration and ethnic enclaves	<b>Lower East Side Tenement Museum</b>	Walking Tour of Queens (or other area)	Ethnic Festival or parade (if scheduled)
ART IN NYC	Review of famous painters who have lived and worked in NYC	Brooklyn Art Museum	Williamsburg Gallery tour	MoMA
BROOKLYN: THE CITY WITHIN A CITY	The story of the borough, from hipster to Hasidic, and everything in between	Visit to Brooklyn Historical Society	Visit to a Brooklyn cultural landmark	To be announced According to local events
MUSIC IN NYC	Types of music, festivals, and musicians	To be announced according to local events	Music Festival	<b>Live concert</b> (if scheduled)
NYC ARCHITECTURE	Famous buildings and builders	9/11 Memorial	Olmstead design tour (Prospect and Central Park)	Chrysler Building



# LEVEL PROGRESSION

Our course levels are based on internationally recognized systems:



- Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)
- American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages Proficiency Guidelines (ACTFL)

We recommend at least 90-180 hours of study to adequately cover each CEFR/ACTFL level. This represents a mix of guided study and self-study in the form of homework and other revision/practice. Our course structures reflect this and are designed to give you a solid foundation in the language and provide you with enough time to cover each level sufficiently.

BSL LEVELS	CEFR/ ACTFL REFERENCE	CEFR LEVEL NAMES	ACTFL LEVEL NAMES
<b>Beginner A1</b>	A1	Beginner	Novice (Low/Mid/High)
<b>Elementary A2</b> <b>Pre-Intermediate A2+</b>	A2	Elementary	Intermediate (Low/Mid)
<b>Intermediate B1+</b>	B1	Intermediate	Intermediate High
<b>Upper Intermediate B2+</b>	B2	Upper Intermediate	Advanced (Low/Mid/High)
<b>Advanced C1</b> <b>Advanced C1+</b>	C1	Advanced	Superior



BEGINNER A1	
At the beginning ...	After 6-8 weeks, the student can...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very basic knowledge of the language</li> <li>• Very limited vocabulary</li> <li>• No real understanding of the grammar</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand and use familiar everyday expressions and very basic phrases</li> <li>• Ask and answer questions about personal details</li> <li>• Make very basic travel arrangements</li> </ul>

ELEMENTARY A2	
At the beginning ...	After 6-8 weeks, the student can...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of familiar everyday expressions and basic phrases</li> <li>• Limited ability to communicate</li> <li>• Difficulty to understand everyday spoken language</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand sentences and frequently used basic expressions</li> <li>• Communicate in simple and routine tasks</li> <li>• Describe aspects of background, immediate environment and matters in areas of immediate need in simple terms</li> <li>• 'Get by' when traveling, albeit with some difficulty</li> </ul>

PRE-INTERMEDIATE A2+	
At the beginning ...	After 6-8 weeks, the student can...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formulating, and responding to, everyday questions</li> <li>• Basic knowledge of grammatical structures, including different tenses and word order</li> <li>• Enough vocabulary to 'get by' in predictable situations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use and understand simple structures fairly consistently</li> <li>• Respond to a wide range of questions on familiar subjects</li> <li>• Communicate effectively, if not accurately, in everyday situations</li> </ul>





## INTERMEDIATE B1+

At the beginning ...	After 6-8 weeks, the student can...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Using and understanding simple structures fairly consistently</li> <li>• Responding to a range of questions on familiar subjects</li> <li>• Effective, if not always accurate, communication in most everyday situations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand the main points of discussion on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure, etc.</li> <li>• Produce simple text on topics of interest</li> <li>• Give brief reasons and explanations for opinions and plans</li> </ul>

## UPPER-INTERMEDIATE B2+

At the beginning ...	After 6-8 weeks, the student can...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ability to deal with most situations regularly encountered in work, school, leisure, etc.</li> <li>• Ability to deal with most situations likely to arise while travelling in an area where the language is spoken</li> <li>• Ability to produce simple text on familiar topics</li> <li>• Ability to describe events, dreams, hopes and ambitions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand the main ideas of complex texts, including technical discussions in the user's field of specialization</li> <li>• Interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity</li> <li>• Produce clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects</li> <li>• Explain a viewpoint on a current issue</li> <li>• Do business with speakers of the language in most situations</li> </ul>

## ADVANCED C1

At the beginning ...	After 6-8 weeks, the student can...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ability to understand the ideas of complex text on both concrete and abstract topics</li> <li>• Regular interaction with native speakers, without strain for either party</li> <li>• Ability to produce a clear, detailed text or viewpoint on a wide range of subjects</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Express him/herself fluently and spontaneously</li> <li>• Have a good command of a broad lexical repertoire allowing gaps to be readily overcome with circumlocutions</li> <li>• Show controlled use of organizational patterns and cohesive devices</li> <li>• Communicate with little obvious searching for expressions or avoidance strategies; only a conceptually difficult subject can hinder a natural, smooth flow of language</li> </ul>

< Happy students at the end of their course!

# YEAR-ROUND ADULT PROGRAMS

## STANDARD ENGLISH COURSE

20 lessons (=15 hours) per week

Our Standard English Course focuses on learning through real-life communication (speaking, listening, reading, writing) inside and outside of the classroom. This is a general English language course of 20 lessons (= 15 hours) per week, taught in small classes, which allows our expert teachers to provide individual feedback and advice on how to improve and further develop language skills.

Students enrolled in the Standard Course are invited to attend a FREE enrichment class on the first Monday of their program to decide if they would like to switch to the Semi-Intensive Course for the rest of their stay.

### AVAILABLE - ALL YEAR ROUND

Minimum age	18 years old
Average age	27 years old
Minimum level required	Beginner
Max. students per class	10
Lesson length	45 minutes
Timetable	Monday 9:45am to 1pm* Tuesday-Friday 9am to 12:15pm*
Start dates	Any Monday except beginners. Complete beginners can start every first Monday of each month.
Books and materials	Included

## VACATION ENGLISH SUMMER COURSE

20 lessons (=15 hours) per week

This is the same course as our Standard English Course but offered in the afternoon during the months of July and August.

### AVAILABLE - JULY 6TH TO AUGUST 28TH 2015

Minimum age	18 years old
Minimum level required	Beginner
Max. students per class	10
Lesson length	45 minutes
Timetable	Monday-Friday 1:30pm to 4:45pm
Start dates	Any Monday in July and August Complete beginners can start on July 6th and August 3rd
Books and materials	Included

\* In high season beginners classes may take place in the afternoon

## SEMI-INTENSIVE ENGLISH COURSE

23 lessons (= 17.25 hours) per week

This course is similar to the Standard English course but includes 3 additional English enrichment classes each week focusing on a specific subject. Whether the topic is New York City music, food, or arts, students will be treated to hands-on experiences with local experts in a variety of cultural areas. Language issues such as vocabulary and grammar will certainly be addressed, but the teacher's primary focus will be on the content, increasing the students' fluency and knowledge of the subject.

See page 12 for a sample schedule of the enrichment program

### AVAILABLE - ALL YEAR ROUND

<b>Minimum age</b>	18 years old
<b>Average age</b>	29 years old
<b>Minimum level required</b>	Elementary
<b>Max. students per class</b>	10
<b>Lesson length</b>	45 minutes
<b>Timetable</b>	Monday 9:45am to 2:45pm* Tuesday to Thursday 9am to 2pm* Friday 9am-12:15pm*
<b>Start dates</b>	Any Monday
<b>Books and materials</b>	Included

## BUSINESS ENGLISH COURSE

23 lessons (= 17.25 hours) per week

This course is designed for upper Intermediate to advanced students who work or are planning a career in business, i.e. for college students, recent graduates and working professionals. The program is organized in weekly modules that include:

- Business correspondence
- Emailing and phone skills
- Report writing
- Meetings
- International trade
- Intercultural awareness
- Networking
- Marketing
- Finance

### AVAILABLE ALL YEAR-ROUND EXCEPT SUMMER

<b>Minimum age</b>	18 years old
<b>Average age</b>	32 years old
<b>Minimum level required</b>	Upper-Intermediate
<b>Max. students per class</b>	10
<b>Lesson length</b>	45 minutes
<b>Timetable</b>	Monday 9:45am to 2:45pm* Tuesday to Thursday 9am to 2:00pm* Friday 9am to 12:15pm*
<b>Start dates</b>	Every first Monday of each month except July and August
<b>Books and materials</b>	Included

\* In high season beginners and business classes may take place in the afternoon.



## TOEFL PREPARATION COURSE

23 lessons (= 17.25 hours) per week

This course is designed for upper-intermediate to advanced learners of English who are planning to study in the USA or another English-speaking country. Over 100 schools in New York City as well as 8,000 colleges, universities, agencies and other institutions in 130 countries accept the TOEFL, including most of the top 100 universities in the world.

The themes of the TOEFL preparation classes vary each week (over a 4-week cycle) to avoid repetition and to reflect the objectives of the test.

**WEEK 1:** Reading skills + mock exam

**WEEK 2:** Writing skills + mock exam

**WEEK 3:** Listening skills + mock exam

**WEEK 4:** Speaking skills + mock exam

The purpose is to gain exposure to diverse subjects in order to increase fluency and confidence in English on a variety of topics and real-life situations. These skills will be combined with test-taking tips, practice exams, and detailed review of each section of the TOEFL, to assure the student is well-prepared when test day arrives.

Student responses should be sustained and sufficient for the task. They should be coherent and well developed with details and examples. A clear progression of ideas is also necessary for a high score. Our preparation course structure reflects that academic focus.

### AVAILABLE IN MARCH, JUNE AND OCTOBER

Minimum age	18 years old
Minimum level required	Upper-Intermediate
Max. students per class	10
Lesson length	45 minutes
Timetable	Monday 9:45am-1:00pm Tuesday to Thursday 9:00am-12:15pm, 1:15pm-2:00pm Friday 9:00am-12:15pm
Start dates	March 23rd, June 1st, October 5th
Program length	4 weeks
Books and materials	Photocopies of all materials included. Students must purchase textbooks (\$70 approx).
Exam dates	Twice a month minimum in NYC (check the ETS/TOEFL website for exact dates)
Registration deadline	Online registration closes 7 days before test date
Exam fee	\$185

## COMBINED ENGLISH COURSE

23 lessons (= 17.25 hours) per week

This program offers the best of both worlds: the interaction and liveliness of group classes, and the personal attention of a private teacher. You take the Standard English group course in the morning and 3 extra individual lessons in the afternoon, during which you will be able to focus on areas of weakness or discuss a topic of special interest. Your teacher will tailor the lessons to your own personal needs and interests.

### AVAILABLE - ALL YEAR ROUND

<b>Minimum age</b>	18 years old
<b>Average age</b>	35 years old
<b>Minimum level required</b>	Beginner
<b>Max. students per class</b>	10 for group class, 1 for individual lessons
<b>Lesson length</b>	45 minutes
<b>Timetable</b>	Monday 9:45am to 1pm* Tuesday to Thursday 9am to 1:15pm* Friday 9am to 12:15pm*
<b>Start dates</b>	Any Monday except beginners. Complete beginners can start every first Monday of each month.
<b>Books and materials</b>	Included

## INDIVIDUAL TUITION

We offer Individual English language lessons for personal and/or professional objectives. As each student has their own requirements and goals, we will discuss these with you and tailor an English language program to suit your personal needs. This will take into account the time you have, your proficiency level and your learning style.

You can book individual lessons to prepare for an exam or entry into a university, to prepare for a business trip or event (conferences, workshops...), or to gain more fluency in your everyday use of the language for work or pleasure.

### AVAILABLE - ALL YEAR ROUND

<b>Minimum age</b>	18 years old
<b>Minimum level required</b>	Beginner
<b>Max. students per class</b>	1
<b>Lesson length</b>	45 minutes
<b>Timetable</b>	Flexible
<b>Start dates</b>	Flexible
<b>Books and materials</b>	Included
<b>Available</b>	All year round

*\* In high season beginners classes may take place in the afternoon*

# 09 / SUMMER JUNIOR PROGRAM

Brooklyn School of Languages also runs a Summer Junior Program for 14-17 year olds, from Sunday, July 5th to Saturday, August 8th 2015.



Our “English & Express Yourself” program is an immersion program including general English lessons and creative arts workshops, full-board host family accommodation, a complete schedule of activities and excursions, and supervision to guarantee a safe and secure environment at all times. An option for course and activities only (no accommodation) is also available. Please refer to our Junior Brochure for more details.





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# YEAR-ROUND GROUPS

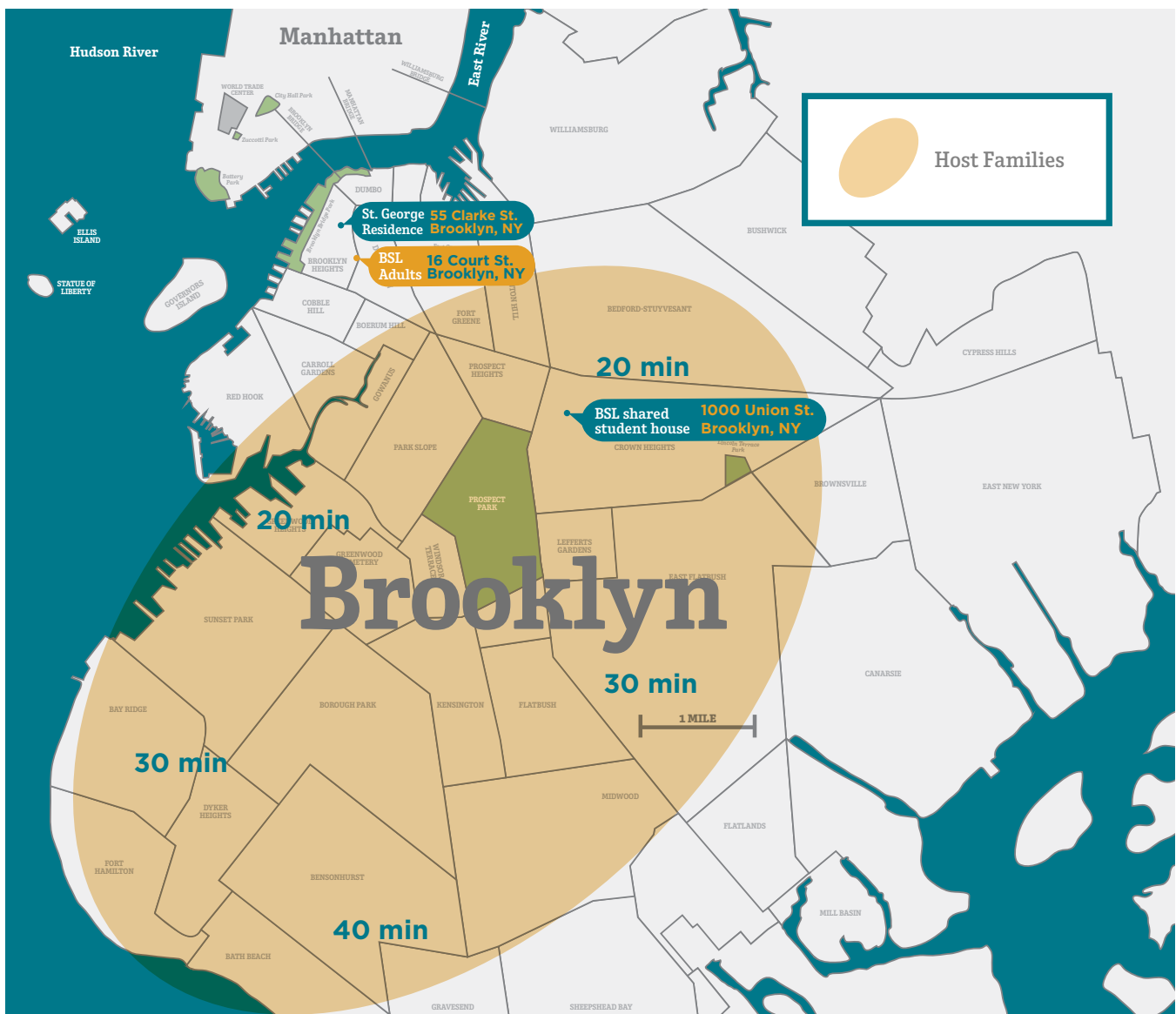
We can welcome junior groups of any size at any time of the year. Below is a 2-week sample timetable but we can cater to specific requirements. We can also welcome adult groups anytime.

	<b>MORNING</b> 9:15AM-12:30PM	<b>LUNCH</b> 12.45PM-1.30PM	<b>AFTERNOON</b> 2-5PM	<b>EVENING</b> 6PM ONWARDS
<b>SUNDAY</b>	/	/	Arrival / airport transfer	With families
<b>MONDAY</b>	ESL classes	At school	Neighborhood tour	With families
<b>TUESDAY</b>	ESL classes	At school	Empire State building	With families
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	ESL classes	Out	Highline	With families
<b>THURSDAY</b>	ESL classes	At school	MOMA	MoMA
<b>FRIDAY</b>	ESL classes	At school	Shopping in Soho	Pizza in Little Italy
<b>SATURDAY</b>	Day out at the Bronx Zoo			With families
<b>SUNDAY</b>	Free time with host families			
<b>MONDAY</b>	ESL classes	At school	Statue of Liberty	With families
<b>TUESDAY</b>	ESL classes	At school	The Tenement Museum	With families
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	ESL classes	Out	Shopping on 5th Avenue	With families
<b>THURSDAY</b>	ESL classes	At school	Times Square/ Central Park	With families
<b>FRIDAY</b>	ESL classes	At school	Top of the Rock	With families
<b>SATURDAY</b>	Packing	With families	Airport transfer / departure	/



# ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

One great advantage of studying with Brooklyn School of Languages is that the majority of the accommodation options we offer are within a short subway ride (30 minutes on average) from the school. Being close to school makes your stay in New York that much more comfortable, and also allows you to make the most of Brooklyn, a vibrant borough that has plenty to offer its visitors.



## HOST FAMILIES

At Brooklyn School of Languages, we choose our families carefully. We want your stay in New York to be a memorable experience, so we have spent time selecting the right families, based on their levels of pastoral care. All our host families are based in Brooklyn and the average commute time to the school via public transportation is 30 minutes (may be longer for some homestays).

A host family can be a couple with children, a retired couple, a single parent or even a single person. Ethnic diversity is an important aspect of New York's cultural identity, so some hosts may be of Asian, African, Hispanic or Middle Eastern descent, but English is always spoken in the home. Regardless of their background and circumstances, all our host families are committed to making every student's stay as comfortable as possible.



< A few of our caring  
Brooklyn-based host families.



## SUMMER STUDENT RESIDENCE

(May 31st - August 15th 2015)

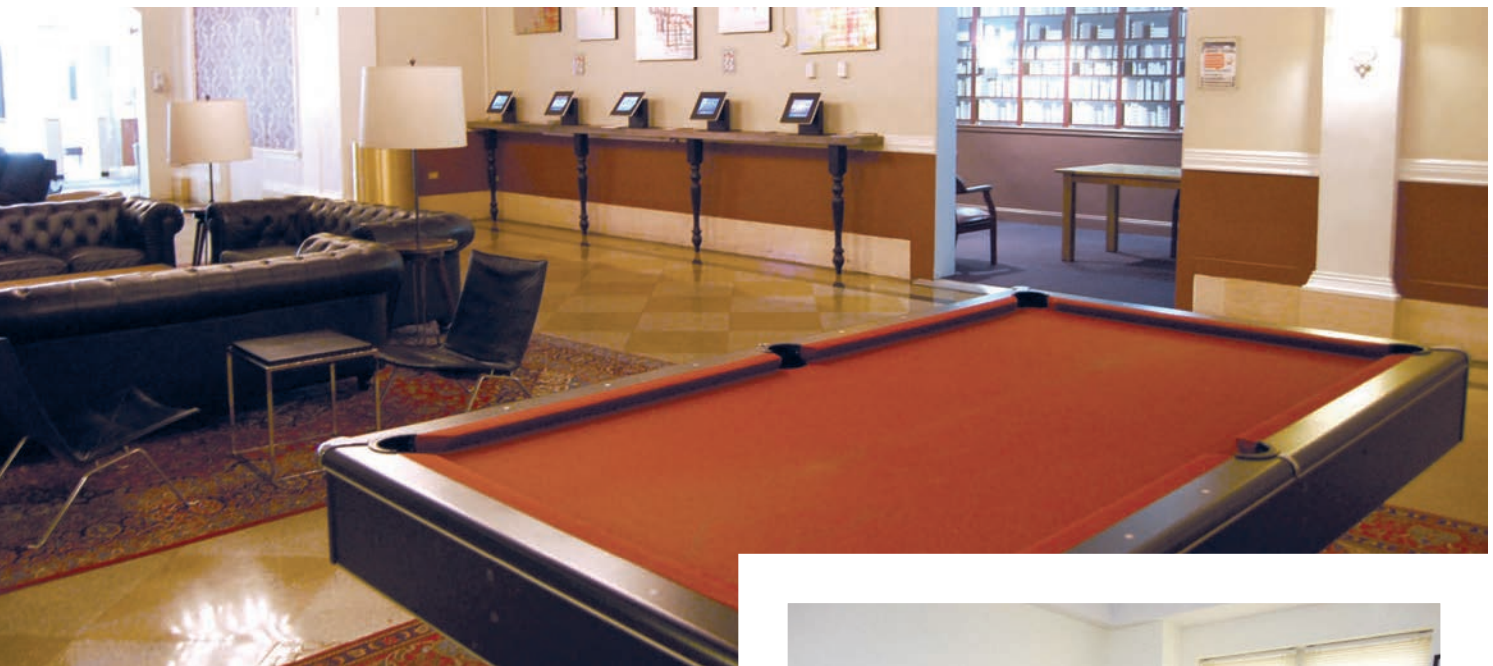
All rooms are fully furnished with beds, desks, and wardrobes/dressers that maximize living space. Every room has a private bathroom. There is free Wi-Fi access, cable television, refrigerator, microwave, and local phone service in every room.

### FEATURES

- 24-hour security
- Live-in Student Life staff
- Key card entrance to residences and rooms
- 24-hour access to iPads in the lobby
- Air conditioning
- Communal kitchen
- On-site laundry room
- Gym facilities
- Recreational lounges
- Public computers
- Vending machines
- ATM in building

### NOTES

Bed linens are included but students should bring their towels. Arrival day: Sunday - Departure day: Saturday. Crockery/cutlery sets are available to rent at school against a \$75 deposit.





## SHARED STUDENT HOUSE

Our shared student house is located in up-and-coming Crown Heights, home to many of Brooklyn's museums. Crown Heights is a neighborhood comprised mainly of families, younger professionals, and artists. It will take you 15 minutes by subway to get to school.

You can find the following facilities close by:

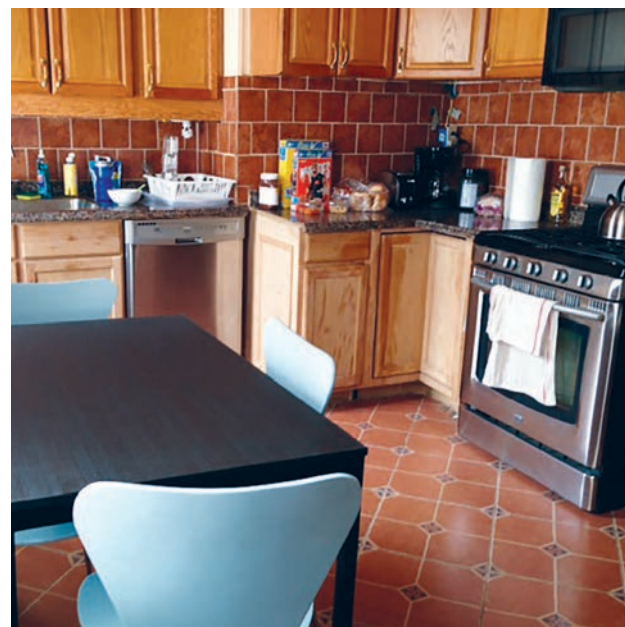
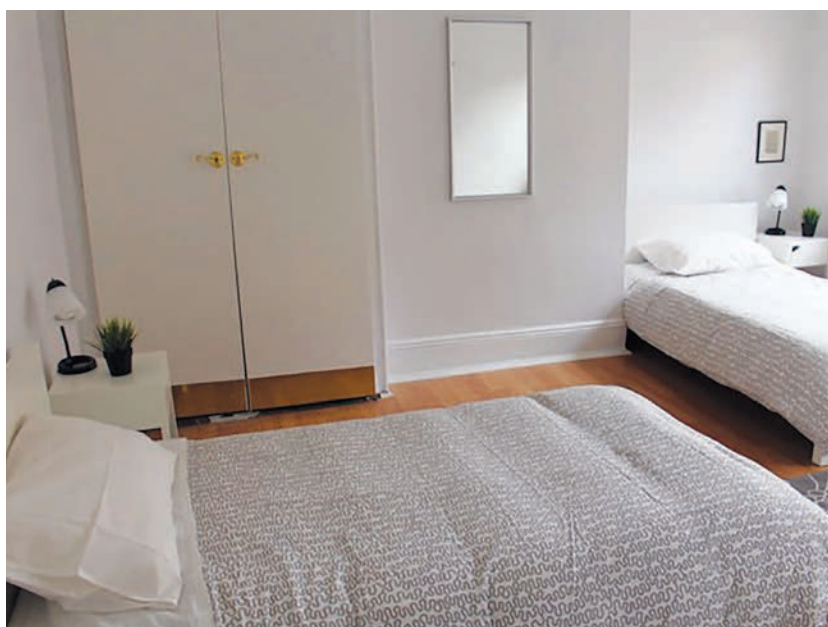
- Laundromat: 3 minutes' walk
- Pharmacy: 3 minutes' walk
- Brooklyn Botanic Gardens: 3 minutes' walk
- Brooklyn Museum: 4 minutes' walk
- Restaurants: a variety (Chinese, Italian, fast food, cafes) within 4 minutes' walk
- Prospect Park: 5 minutes' walk
- Supermarket: 7 minutes' walk
- Brooklyn Public Library: 13 minutes' walk
- Closest bus stop: Franklin Av/ Union Street, 2 minutes' walk
- Closest subway stop: Franklin Av, 2 minutes' walk (2, 3, 4, 5 lines)

## AMENITIES

This house is shared only with other students from Brooklyn School of Languages, and has 5 bedrooms (including 3 singles, 1 double and 1 twin), 2 bathrooms, a large kitchen and a large back yard. The kitchen has a full array of modern appliances including a very large fridge and microwave.

## NOTES

Twin rooms are available to two students travelling together. Bed linens are included but students should bring their towels. Students will be asked to leave a refundable \$150 cash deposit at school on their first day.



# STUDENT LIFE

## OUR ACTIVITY PROGRAM

We offer weekly activities and excursions to places of interest throughout New York City. These are often linked to our enrichment program, and therefore free for students enrolled in the Semi-Intensive Course. Other students are welcome to sign up for these activities at school.

## THESE ACTIVITIES MAY INCLUDE

- Museums: MoMA, Tenement Museum, Brooklyn Art Museum, New York Metropolitan Museum...
- Sports: Stadium tours, baseball/basketball/soccer games, US open tennis championships...
- Music: outdoor concerts, festivals...
- Film/theatre: Movie nights, summer outdoor movies in the parks, tour of iconic locations for NYC films (firehouse from Ghostbusters, buildings from Friends or Sex and the City...)
- Architecture: Chrysler building, Grand Central station...
- Art: Fashion show, exhibitions, gallery tour...
- Walking tours: Broadway Musical theater walking tour, the Highline, Brooklyn neighborhoods (Brooklyn Bridge, Williamsburg, Fort Greene, Brighton Beach...)
- Other outings: Central & Prospect Parks, 9/11 Memorial, The Bronx or Brooklyn Zoo, the New York Aquarium...And much more!

## WHAT TO DO IN NY OUR RECOMMENDATIONS

Every day we compile a list of things to do in the city for our students:

- **TEMPORARY OR ONE-OFF EVENTS** (sports events, festivals, concerts, outdoor happenings, movie screenings, free culture...)
- **WHAT NOT TO MISS** to make a stay in NY a memorable one (Top of the Rock, Broadway show, the MoMA...)
- **WHAT TO DO THAT'S FREE** (ride the Staten Island Ferry to visit the Statue of Liberty, walk the High Line, see Wall Street...)
- **WHERE TO SHOP** (the famous 5th Avenue stores, trendy SoHo, the West Village, the Lower East Side, Williamsburg...)
- and even **WHERE TO RUN, BIKE, OR SPEND A LAZY SUMMER AFTERNOON** (Prospect Park, Brooklyn Promenade...)



< Our students at a soccer game at the 'Red Bull Arena' in New Jersey.

# FEEDBACK

## WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY

“There was the right balance between speaking, listening and writing during the lessons, and James is amazing. The view from the 34th floor is breathtaking and the staff is really friendly.”

FRANCESCO CALABRESE,  
ITALY, 27 YO

“Linda is the best teacher! She is very nice, funny and patient and prepares very good lessons. I learned a lot with her! All the staff is friendly, and our host family was very nice too. Thank you so much!”

BARBARA REITSAMER, AUSTRIA, 22 YO

“I enjoyed my course and liked my teacher. The staff and my host were very kind.”

OTHMANE ZOUAUOI RESSAA, ALGERIA, 32 YO

“Gaby is a very committed and competent teacher, I couldn’t imagine a better one! I have felt very welcome at school and I really appreciated the family atmosphere. All of you do a great job, thank you very much!”

SILVANA JANNETTA,  
SWITZERLAND, 50 YO

“My teacher is very smart and friendly. He encourages his students to actively participate in discussions. His classes are very dynamic and interesting.”

IWONA BROL, POLAND, 43 YO

“My host mum Summer was very friendly and kind and she cooks fantastic food every day. Her house is beautiful, clean and close to the subway. It was awesome and I hope to come back next year. Thank you very much!”

LAURA DELGADO GARCIA,  
SPAIN, 34 YO

“My teacher was friendly, kind and very well prepared. The staff was friendly and helpful too. I spoke a lot and improved my capacity to listen and understand.”

ELEONORA RASO, ITALY, 28 YO

“My lessons were interesting, varied and really helped me. James is really amazing! It was easy to learn with him.”

KSENIA TOLSTOPYATOVA,  
RUSSIA, 18 YO

“Gaby and Cory are really great teachers! I like that they are interested in their students, and that they sometimes take the lesson outside when the weather is good. I also had amazing roommates in the shared student house so we had a lot of fun!”

LINE LUND MORTENSEN, DENMARK, 19 YO





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