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## Sacred Heart University English Language Institute Mission Statement

The mission of the Sacred Heart English Language Institute is to provide excellent instruction in English as a Second Language (ESL) and orientation in US culture to all students who are non-native speakers of English, to help them achieve their personal, academic and professional goals, while recognizing and addressing the students' individualized educational need and cultural backgrounds.



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## English Language Institute

### ESL CLASSES

English as a Second Language



# English Language Institute Courses

## ACADEMIC WRITING

This course is designed to improve sentence clarity and paragraph organization. Through editing and focusing on revision strategies, students will work toward a complete text which will integrate and document academic sources.

## COMBINED SKILLS

This course integrates reading, writing, listening and speaking. Communicative tasks develop language strategies that increase students' comfort level in real-world settings. Course includes video and audio to bring the text to life in the classroom.

## CONVERSATION

This course is designed to explore all aspects of the English language, through group and class discussion. Students will develop conversational competence, learn effective communication skills, improve their confidence in speaking and language learning as well as in interacting with native speakers. Students will also learn to carry out conversations about topics relating to everyday life which will help them to gain a better grasp of the English language, develop new relationships and have a better understanding of the world around them.

## LISTENING

This course improves general listening ability, lecture comprehension and note-taking skills. Students will learn about the features of the spoken language which make it most challenging and will be given opportunities to listen to the different American English accents.

## PRACTICAL GRAMMAR

This course emphasizes immediate application of grammatical forms and meanings. A variety of exercises will be used to practice sentence patterns, clauses, verbs, and other written forms. This course is an intensive use of grammar exercises.

## PRONUNCIATION & ACCENT CORRECTION

This course concentrates on speaking clearly and accurately. All aspects of the language are addressed: sounds, stress, rhythms and intonations. Students will practice and understand English pronunciation and learn to communicate fluently by reducing their own accent.

## PUBLIC SPEAKING & PRESENTATIONS

This course works toward strengthening the students' necessary language and preparation skills, in order to develop their confidence and create an effective presentation. Students have the flexibility to use their own interest area or business concentration as subject matter.

## READING / COMPREHENSION

This course implements contemporary fiction and non-fiction as a base upon which to build the students' reading comprehension, vocabulary and ability to discuss ideas. The students are expected to understand the written material and respond verbally and in writing.

## Need a subhead for these bullets

- Full time intensive English Language Program (20 hours per week)
- Conditional Letters of Acceptance available
- Service learning opportunities
- TOEFL Tests offered every 8 weeks on campus
- Take college credit courses while taking ESL classes (Pathways Program)
- 8 week courses
- Day and evening available
- Library and language lab facilities
- Experienced and dedicated teachers

