English Language Institute

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRIDGEPORT'S ESL PROGRAM
Study the Global Language

In the global community, English is currently the international language of business, diplomacy, science and technology. Fluency in English — both in oral and in written form — increases your opportunities in virtually every country in the world.

The English Language Institute at the University of Bridgeport is a well-established, intensive ESL program with experienced teachers holding advanced degrees. Small classes of just 3 – 15 students allow the dedicated faculty to meet your individual needs and provide high-quality instruction. Students can also take advantage of on-campus housing and full use of campus resources.

The Curriculum

Curriculum and teaching methodology at the English Language Institute reflect best practices in language instruction. Detailed learning outcomes, instructional materials and assessment tools are reviewed and updated periodically.

ELI’s seven-week sessions start six times a year. Your typical week will consist of 25 hours of classroom instruction in grammar, composition, reading, listening, and speaking — as well as completing specific skill-building assignments in the computer laboratory.

Your classes will be smaller than language classes in most countries and require a lot of participation. Reading assignments and watching videos specially designed for ESL development provide the basis for rich discussions. Your assignments may often include writing a research paper and listening to lectures, as well as special learning activities such as writing and performing a skit, watching videos, and playing word games.

Teachers are friendly and interested in their students. They will work closely with you to prepare you for university work in English. They want everyone to succeed, and also expect you to work hard to meet your goals.

Learning at UB

Our community of friends and colleagues genuinely cares and looks out for one another. We make connections, share ideas, and inspire one another in ways that stay with us for the rest of our lives. Join us!

• 25 hours weekly, Monday–Friday, of classroom and computer lab time with an instructor, providing all the personalized guidance and instruction you need.
• With an average class size of 10 students, you will benefit from a truly interactive learning environment.
• Our faculty thrive on working individually with students and are readily available to you.
• Outside-of-class conversation and activities with American students are offered.
• Free local transportation to downtown, shopping malls, train station...plus university housing, activities, sporting events, and trips extend learning outside the classroom and offer perfect opportunities to form lifelong friendships.

Location

The University of Bridgeport is on the eastern coast of the United States, an hour train ride from New York City and three hours from Boston. Our beautiful 50-acre campus borders another 300 acres of beaches, playing fields and picnic areas of Seaside Park. Picturesque Victorian homes dot the campus, and many are used for student services and meeting rooms.

As an ELI student you’ll enjoy the full privileges and resources of UB, including the Wahlstrom Library, International Student Services, Health Services, e-mail/Internet access, and activities such as the annual International Festival, movie nights, clubs, sports events and trips.

Take advantage of Wheeler Recreation Center’s 25-meter pool, steam room, saunas, multi-purpose indoor courts, gym, racquetball/squash courts, martial arts area and dance studios.

Conditional Acceptance to Degree Programs

Students without qualifying TOEFL or IELTS scores may receive conditional acceptance to a degree program at the University and study at ELI first. Successful completion of the program meets the English language requirement for admission. Students who want to attend UB for a degree program must complete the application for international students, in addition to the ELI application.
UBelong Here
Campus Life

Join Our Welcoming Community
At UB, you will find one of the most diverse and welcoming communities in the U.S., dedicated to helping you succeed academically, build lasting relationships, and make connections throughout the University.

You’ll discover a unique opportunity to interact with students, faculty, and staff with a wealth of experience beyond your own.

The campus community celebrates the uniqueness of our student body and each individual’s growing role in the new global world. At our international, diverse campus, caring staff and faculty will guide you through your journey. Here, learning takes place in and out of the classroom. You will be encouraged to expand your views, and attitudes about the world around you.

Will I meet American students and learn about American culture?
We organize Conversation Partners, discussion groups, and social events with university students. You can ask to have an American roommate, and join any club or activity on or off campus. It is up to you how much you learn about this country!

Engaging, Exciting, and Fun
With more than 50 active student clubs and organizations, it’s hard not to be involved on campus and make friends with students from around the world.

Play an intramural sport. Participate in and plan new campus activities. Jog next to the ocean at Seaside Park. Grab a coffee in the Knight’s End Café, or meet up with friends for a pick-up game of basketball. Our campus has something to offer everyone.

Beyond the Classroom
Looking for off-campus opportunities? ELI activities introduce international students to the United States, its language and its people.

Take a trip to New York City for a Broadway show at discount rates. Take a train to Boston and visit the Museum of Fine Arts. Join the annual snowboarding trip to Vermont. Or just walk down the street to the Arena at Harbor Yard, for a variety of professional sports and entertainment. With all there is to do at UB, the classroom is just the beginning.

Learning Outcomes
Upon completion of Level 6 of the English Language Institute you will be able to:

• Speak and write fluently, using correct English grammar, with only infrequent or minor errors.
• Read and understand academic texts and Internet resources.
• Take notes on academic lectures and answer questions.
• Participate in academic and informal conversations.