

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

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General information for 2010 – 2011 school year:

Classes meet once each week from mid-September 2010 through May 2011. Holiday closings are posted in advance. When classes are canceled for poor weather conditions, students are phoned that day. For this reason students must register with name, address & phone number. We only share this information with people involved with the ESL ministry.

All classes utilize both full-class & small-group exercises for speaking practice. Each student needs a way to translate words between English & the native language. Bookstores (like Borders or Barnes & Noble) sell bilingual dictionaries. An electronic translator is optional.

Beginner class:

This class meets MONDAYS from 7 to 9 p.m., starting September 13. Everyone is welcome. No previous study is necessary. Students are encouraged to attend 2 classes before purchasing a textbook for \$15.

Students learn to speak and write the common sounds of English. The textbook presents basic, practical topics to help students increase vocabulary. Other classroom materials introduce the culture of the USA (holidays, history, food, music).

Each lesson builds upon previous work, so students starting in early autumn learn more. Late registration allowed by permission of the teacher.

Intermediate conversational class:

This class meets THURSDAYS from 7 to 8:30 p.m., starting September 16. Previous study of English is required—completion of beginner class or equivalent. There is no textbook fee.

The course will emphasize practicing spoken English, improving vocabulary, reading aloud and writing compositions. Materials use a topical approach to practice life-skills such as making purchases, applying for jobs, reporting emergencies, etc. Discussions will include general interests like health and diet, travel or art. Students will also have opportunities to share cultural aspects of their native countries as well as explore customs, culture and holidays of the U.S.A.

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