NYU SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

AMERICAN LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

MASTER ENGLISH WITH US
I am pleased to welcome you to the NYU School of Professional Studies American Language Institute (ALI). Established in 1945, the ALI was one of the first university-based language learning centers of its kind. The main NYU campus, located in the heart of New York City, currently educates one of the largest international populations among US universities and provides incomparable access to the cultures of the world.

In addition to our programs in New York City, the NYU School of Professional Studies founded the ALI Tokyo Center in 2013 and the ALI at NYU Shanghai in 2015. If you are unable to attend classes in New York, Tokyo, or Shanghai, ALI faculty members also teach students from around the world online, in virtual classrooms that allow for a stimulating learning experience and an exchange of ideas that mirror our on-site classes.

I hope that you will take full advantage of our learning community at the NYU School of Professional Studies American Language Institute.

Warmly,

Lisa Springer
Associate Dean, Division of Languages and Humanities;
Associate Dean, Global and Strategic Initiatives
NYU School of Professional Studies
Welcome to the NYU School of Professional Studies American Language Institute (ALI). Our New York City location provides a hands-on learning experience that is stimulating and filled with opportunity to improve your language skills and broaden your horizons. We extend our classroom to the streets, giving you complete immersion in language and culture to help you learn how to express yourself in English with ease and accuracy.

The ALI has earned a worldwide reputation for helping students and professionals gain the language skills needed to excel in academic, professional, or social settings. ALI courses provide authentic opportunities for communication, insight into American culture, and an emphasis on critical thinking. You are sure to grow from the experience of interacting with your teachers and classmates as you master the English language in this dynamic setting.

We are fortunate to have highly skilled faculty members who are devoted to providing their students with a rich learning experience. I invite you to take advantage of all the ALI has to offer as we learn together, grow to know one another, and explore New York.

Kind regards,

Robyn Vaccara
Director, American Language Institute
NYU School of Professional Studies
American Language Institute Programs

Comprehensive English Program
Prepares students to use English in a range of academic, personal, and professional situations.
- Enroll full-time or part-time
- Classes range from beginning to advanced levels of proficiency
- Choose electives from a broad array of options including “The New York Art Scene,” “Improvisational Acting,” “Listening Through the Movies,” and “Speaking with Confidence and Fluency”
(Please note course offerings are subject to change)

Professional English Program
Addresses the needs of international professionals who want to study English part-time. Courses meet in the evening or on Saturdays, and range from high intermediate to very advanced levels of proficiency.

Courses in the Professional English Program improve the following language skills:
- Speaking with confidence and fluency
- Grammatical accuracy
- Presentation and communication skills
- Pronunciation
- Critical-thinking skills

Academic English Program
Designed for students who are enrolled in, or who are entering, New York University.
- Emphasizes skills essential for success at an American University: Critical thinking, persuasive writing, presentation skills, and class participation.
- Requires consultation with NYU degree program advisors prior to registration.

Mastering English in New York City
Short-term programs of study including language courses and cultural learning experiences focusing on specific content areas:
- Global Business Leadership
- The American University Experience
- American Culture, History & Arts
- English Lifelong Learning

Custom Programs
Tailored programs developed by ALI staff and faculty members to meet the needs of particular groups:
- Business and finance
- New York City art and culture
- Leadership and professional English

Corporate Programs
On-site innovative workshops and one-on-one coaching for international professionals include:
- Communicating effectively in a global business world
- Understanding US business etiquette
- Leading successful meetings and negotiations
- Writing effectively for business
- Speaking clearly: accent reduction
- Mastering presentations

For all program inquiries please contact: ali@nyu.edu

For over 65 years, the experienced instructors at the NYUSPS American Language Institute have helped international students and professionals master the English Language. ALI students come from over 70 countries, enriching the classroom experience and providing a strong sense of international community within a progressive learning environment. Small class sizes ensure that students receive individualized attention. Extracurricular activities, including field trips and social events, provide opportunities to practice English in informal settings.
RECOMMENDED READING: ALI FACULTY PICKS

BARBARA O’HARA
Currently teaching: Comprehensive English
Recommends: Persepolis, by Marjane Satrapi
“This graphic novel tells an important story about growing up, learning to think for oneself, and having the courage to follow one’s own path.”

PHILIP HERTER
Currently teaching: Academic English
Recommends: Bright Sided, by Barbara Ehrenreich
“The author of Nickel and Dimed and many other books about contemporary society writes about the American obsession with ‘positive thinking.’ She explains in simple, clear language the history and the background of a typical cultural trait. Anyone who has wondered why Americans are so cheerful will learn a lot from this book.”

MAXINE STEINHAUS
Currently teaching: Comprehensive English
Recommends: Sunset Park, by Paul Auster
“You learn about real New Yorkers in crisis, and how they manage relationships and careers in the big city.”

DEBRA UN
Currently teaching: Comprehensive English
Recommends: The Round House, by Louise Erdrich
“This novel is a rich, human coming-of-age story that is a mystery and an adventure dealing with Native Americans in the US today.”

PRISCILLA KARANT
Currently teaching: Writing and Editing II
Recommends: Animal Farm, by George Orwell
“This classic, written as an animal fable, is a biting satire of power and greed. It is easy to read, and helps students to reflect on how people gain power and abuse it.”

CHRISTINE TROTTER
Currently teaching: Advanced Speaking and Writing
Recommends: Look at Me, by Jennifer Egan
“This contemporary novel is multilayered, with several narratives that brilliantly converge—a mesmerizing intellectual thriller that is easy to read, written by one of the best American writers of our time.”

LISA SPRINGER
Currently: Associate Dean, Division of Languages and Humanities
Recommends: Me Talk Pretty One Day, by David Sedaris
“The hilarious essays in this collection capture the vulnerability and the terror we often feel when learning a new language and culture. Anyone who has ever struggled to master a language will identify with the author’s struggles.”

ROBYN VACCARA
Currently: Director, American Language Institute
Recommends: A Tree Grows in Brooklyn, by Betty Smith
“The stories of Americans are the stories of immigrants. Francine Nolan is growing up in poverty in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. She loves to read, and she finds her way as so many do. You will fall in love with her.”
I learned to understand the American way of life from passionate and interesting teachers and students who still remain a part of my life.

Simone Furtado Brazil

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Effective. Fun. Challenging. This is how I’d define the course of study at the ALI.

Stefania Spatti Italy

Visa Information

The American Language Institute sponsors visas for full-time students studying English. With the I-20 application and other required documents, you may apply for an F-1 visa at a US consulate or at another appropriate agency. To download the application and for information on specific requirements, visit sps.nyu.edu/ali or call 212-992-8331.

English Language Assessment

All students are required to take a language proficiency assessment after submitting an application to the American Language Institute. The English Language Assessment is conveniently offered online. An on-site assessment also is available by appointment only. Please visit sps.nyu.edu/ali for more information.

The Henry and Lucy Moses Center for Students with Disabilities (CSD) determines qualified disability status and assists students in obtaining appropriate accommodations and services. CSD operates according to an Independent Living Philosophy and strives in its policies and practices to empower each student to become as independent as possible. Services are designed to encourage independence, backed by a strong system of supports. Any student who needs a reasonable accommodation, based on a qualified disability, is required to register with the CSD for assistance.

About the NYU School of Professional Studies

Established in 1934, the NYU School of Professional Studies (sps.nyu.edu) is one of NYU’s several degree-granting schools and colleges, each with a unique academic profile. The reputation of the School of Professional Studies arises from its place as the NYU home for study and applied research related to key knowledge-based industries where the New York region leads globally. This is manifest in the School’s diverse graduate, undergraduate, and Professional Pathways programs in fields such as Accounting, Finance, and Law; Applied Health; Applied Politics; Arts, Design, and Film; Creative Cities and Economic Development; English-Language Learning; Entrepreneurship; Fundraising and Grantmaking; Global Affairs; Hospitality and Tourism Management; Human Resource Management and Development; Languages and Humanities; Management and Systems; Marketing; Project Management; Public Relations and Corporate Communication; Publishing; Real Estate, Real Estate Development, and Construction Management; Sports Management, Media, and Business; Translation; and Writing.
“The ALI has had a major impact on me. I learned to dream in English.”

Turgan Savas Turkey

“At the ALI, not only are the instructors amazing, but the learning environment is incredible because of the diverse student body. I feel I have an extended family at the ALI from taking this course.”

Arpita Migam India

“At the ALI, you learn more about American literature, history, and culture than you could ever imagine.”

Lulwah Albegami Saudi Arabia

“I came here for English, but I walked out with the ability to think critically. My teachers at the ALI have become my life mentors.”

Han-yin Chen Taiwan

“Last September, I sowed the seeds of curiosity and sincerity. This year, I have harvested the fruits of knowledge and friendship—all because of classes at the ALI.”

Weiqing Cai China