

Summer 2023 Course Descriptions

Classes meet 6/5/23 - 8/5/23 (Registration 5/8 - 5/20)

No class on Sat 5/27, M 5/29, M 6/19, Tu7/4

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Level 1: Intensive Survival English

This class, being an intensive and progressive course, requires student attendance for six days each week, either in person or online. Lessons are not repeated. Translation provided as needed. You will learn the following during the course:

1. Basic functional language patterns in survival situations;
2. Language patterns and vocabulary in a systematic and controlled manner;
3. Reading and Writing skills based on oral pronunciation;
4. Conversational skills;
5. Survival information and coping skills necessary for adult living.

(The following textbook is recommended but not required:

Basic English, Premium Third Edition, by Julie Lachance. It costs \$17 when purchased from Amazon.)

Level 2: Beginner English

This course is intended for students with little to no oral or written English. The aim of this course is to develop students' basic English. We will work on vocabulary, grammar, and pronunciation through a variety of speaking, listening, reading, and writing activities. We will use the Oxford Picture Dictionary and the OPD Low Beginner Workbook.

Level 2: Beginner English for Work

This course is intended for beginner level students. The aim of this course is to build vocabulary and understanding of English used for job seeking and in the workplace. The instructor speaks Spanish.

Level 2: Beginner Reading & Writing

This course is intended for students with some oral English. It will develop literacy and pronunciation skills. The aim of this course is to prepare students to move on to an Intermediate course by developing their word recognition, vocabulary, and comprehension. Translation will be provided as needed. In this course you will learn the following:

1. Pronunciation and recognition of American sounds and words;
2. Problematic English sounds due to one's Native Language;
3. Best reading practices;
4. Transfer of listening skills into writing skills.

Level 3: Intermediate Conversation

This intermediate course is intended for students with good oral English and some English literacy. This class will help students communicate better in English and become familiar with U.S. culture, popular idioms, and phrases and expressions that are used in daily life. The aim of this class is for students to become competent in natural conversation. Focus will be on developing students' listening and speaking skills in everyday real-life situations.

Level 3: Intermediate Conversation

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Level 3: Intermediate Reading & Writing

This intermediate ESL class will use authentic readings to help students learn to find main ideas and think critically. There will be guided readings, vocabulary, reading comprehension questions, writing, and discussions. Additional focus will be on listening and speaking with both large-group and small group discussions.

Level 3: Intermediate Civics & Citizenship

This course is intended for Intermediate-level students who are interested in becoming United States citizens. Students will practice the 100-question civics exam and prepare for the oral interview. Materials include the textbook *Citizenship: Passing the Test*. Note that students should be able to satisfy, or be close to satisfying, the residency requirements (living in the U.S. for 5 years, or 3 years and married to a US citizen).

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