

English Language Classes & Conversation Groups

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Please contact these organizations to confirm class dates and locations before you go.

Asian American Community Services

Address: 4700 Reed Road, Suite B, Upper Arlington 43220

Website: aacsohio.org/community-education

Contact: Hsichi Huang; hhuang@aacsohio.org (email); 614-220-4023, ext. 230 (telephone)

Classes: The "English Can Be Fun" ESL program offers help with reading, writing, listening and speaking from basic to advanced. Classes are offered year-round, Monday-Thursday, 10 am-noon. Contact AACCS for class schedule and registration information. *Registration required.*

Cost: \$45 per 10-week session

The Bridge Community Center Adult Education

Address: 3750 Sullivant Avenue, Columbus 43228

Website: thebridge.io

Contact: info@thebridge.io (email); 614-272-2949 (telephone)

Classes: The program is designed to help those who desire to reach GED-level English and math. Classes also help students understand cultural differences and expectations. Some classes review practical conversational and written English: what to say or ask at the doctor's office, how to fill out forms and applications, where to look for items at the grocery store, navigating healthcare, what to ask a pharmacist and more. Classes are led by volunteers at The Bridge. Literacy classes meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:45-11:45 am and Saturdays from 9:30-11 am; citizenship classes meet on Wednesdays from 9:45-11:45 am. *Registration required.*

Cost: Literacy Class - student fee; \$45 for curriculum and supplies
Citizenship - student fee; \$5 per book (up to 3 books may be needed)

Church of the Redeemer Moravian Church

Address: 3883 Summit View Road, Dublin 43016

Website: redeemermoravian.org/ministries/esl

Contact: info@redeemermoravian.org (email); 614-766-5030 (telephone)

Classes: Classes are led by volunteers and a certified ESL teacher. Beginning, intermediate and advanced-level classes focus on conversation, with work on grammar and writing. Classes meet year-round in the church basement on Wednesdays from 7-9 pm. *Participants may join at any time, but are encouraged to come in before class to determine placement.*

Cost: The only cost is a bilingual dictionary in each participant's native language and English.

Columbus Literacy Council

Address: 92 Jefferson Avenue, Columbus 43215

Website: columbusliteracy.org

Contact: studentservices@columbusliteracy.org (email); 614-282-7661, choose option 1 (telephone)

Classes: English to Excel (E2E), for individuals who are learning or improving English as a second language, focuses on functional literacy skills for everyday life. English for Occupations (E4O) is for those who need work and life skills to obtain self-sufficiency. Columbus Literacy Council (CLC) offers day, evening, weekend and weekday classes taught by volunteers at many locations in the Columbus area. CLC also offers computer-assisted learning and one-on-one tutoring, in addition to classroom instruction. *Advance registration is required; you may do so online. You must register and attend student orientation before starting class. Orientations are held several times each month and last 2-3 hours. Call 614-282-7661 for more information.*

Cost: \$50 for registration and assessment fee; textbooks and materials are provided at student registration.

Columbus Public Schools Adult & Community Education

Address: Adult and Community Education Center,
2323 Lexington Avenue, Columbus 43211

Website: ccsoh.us/ace.aspx

Contact: 614-365-6468, ext. 261 (telephone);
tharry2373@columbus.k12.oh.us (email)

Classes: Certified English teachers lead classes from beginning to advanced. Classes, which meet at a variety of locations throughout the city, include listening, speaking, reading, writing and basic citizenship. Classes begin in September and new students are accepted monthly thereafter. *You must attend an orientation session before starting class; contact the Adult and Community Education Center for dates and times.*

Cost: Free

Columbus State Community College Language Institute

Address: Center for Workforce Development,
315 Cleveland Avenue, Room 1090, Columbus 43215

Website: csc.edu/community/language-institute

Contact: 614-287-5858 (telephone);
cwddreg@csc.edu (email)

Classes: Columbus State offers non-academic-credit, Basic English as a Second Language at nine levels from low beginning to high intermediate. In each course, students work on reading, writing, vocabulary, listening and speaking skills. Classes, which are led by paid faculty, meet at both the Columbus and Delaware campuses for 6 hours every week. *New students must take a placement test (\$15, payable by check or money order) before registering for classes. Contact the Non-Credit Registration Office for testing dates and times.*

Cost: \$170 per 8-week session; students also purchase textbooks

Conversational English Group

Address: Indianola Presbyterian Church,
1970 Waldeck Avenue at E. 18th Street
(near the OSU campus), Columbus 43201

Contact: Barbara Groseclose; groseclose.1@osu.edu (email)

Classes: Conversational English Group provides opportunities to practice conversation and improve proficiency speaking and listening to American English among international members of the Columbus community. The group meets year-round on Thursdays from 5-7 pm. *No registration required. Join the group at any time.*

Cost: Free

Crossing Community Church

Address: 4770 Britton Parkway, Hilliard 43026

Website: crossingcommunity.org

Contact: Debra Oliphant; debraoliphant1@gmail.com (email)

Classes: Beginning, intermediate and advanced classes are offered on Sunday from 9:30-10:30 am. Bible-based English lessons begin at 11 am on Sundays. Debra Oliphant is certified by the state of Ohio to teach ESL to preK-12th grade. *No registration required. Join the group at any time.*

Cost: Classes are free; textbook costs \$15

Delaware Area Career Center

Address: 4565 Columbus Pike, Delaware 43015
Classes meet at the Delaware County District Library - Orange branch, Vineyard Community Center in Westerville, Delaware Area Career Center - south campus and the Delaware City Schools Resource Center

Website: delawareareacc.org/adult-education/ablededesol/class-schedule-and-locations

Contact: 740-203-2267 (telephone)

Classes: Credentialed teachers offer classes at four different locations in Delaware and Franklin counties. An online ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) class is available 24/7 for students with Internet access. *In order to attend classes or study online, you must complete an orientation. They are held every 6 weeks. Call the Delaware Area Career Center ABLÉ Office for a convenient date and time; the information can also be found on their website.*

Cost: Free

Dominican Learning Center

Address: 1111 E. Stewart Avenue, Columbus 43206

Website: domlearningcenter.org

Contact: 614-444-7330, ext. 1 (telephone);
dlccolumbus@oppeace.org (email)

Classes: Volunteers for the Dominican Learning Center offer one-to-one or small-group English tutoring at many locations, including area libraries. Times and locations are arranged by students and their tutors. *New students need to sign up for a free, one-hour assessment of their English skills before being assigned to a tutor. Contact the Dominican Learning Center to schedule an assessment.*

Cost: Tutoring and books are free, but students pay a "learners fee" of \$35 annually.

Dublin City Schools Community Education

Address: Dublin Coffman High School, 6780 Coffman Road, Dublin 43017. Meet in room A104.
Website: dublinschools.net/currentcourses.aspx
Contact: 614-760-4362 (telephone)
Classes: "ESL for Adults:" A certified ESOL teacher helps advanced-beginning and intermediate-level adult students improve their English listening, speaking, reading, writing and grammar in a relaxed setting. Topics include health, shopping, housing and food. Classes meet during the school year on Tuesdays from 6:30-8 pm. *Registration required. Call for the current class schedule or check the website.*
Cost: \$25

Eastland-Fairfield Career & Technical Schools

Address: Classes meet at the Eastland Career Center, Whitehall-Yearling High School and the Adult Workforce Development Center in Groveport
Website: eastland-fairfield.com/aspire
Contact: 614-836-4541, ext. 1659 (telephone); pmourn@efcts.us (email)
Classes: Daytime and evening classes, which meet for 5 hours per week, are offered mid-August through the end of June. All teachers have bachelor's degrees and professional development in ESOL. Please call for class sign-up dates and orientation schedule. *You must register and attend an orientation in order to attend classes. Call or check online for registration dates and locations.*
Cost: Free

Faith Community Church

Address: 5762 Wilcox Road, Dublin 43016
Website: fccdublin.com/ministries/english-conversation
Contact: Amy Bachmeier; 614-599-7729 (telephone); amybachmeier@outlook.com (email)
Classes: "English Conversation through the Bible" meets from 1:30-3 pm on Thursdays at the church. This women-only Bible study and discussion group offers conversation, knowledge of American culture and friendship. *You may join the group at any time, but call or email to register first.*
Cost: Free

Family ESL Program, Serving Our Neighbors (SON) Ministries

Address: Classes meet at The Church at Mill Run (Upper Arlington Lutheran Church), 3500 Mill Run Drive, Hilliard 43026
Website: son-ministries.org
Contact: Cameron Craig; 614-586-7939 (telephone); info@son-ministries.org (email)
Classes: Family ESL serves children and adults: infants from 3 months-old through high school students to adults. This all-inclusive program offers early literacy activities for children 3-months to pre-kindergarteners; a kids' club with indoor recess, gymnasium and arts & crafts activities as well as academic and homework help for K-7 students; internships for teens to volunteer within the program; and adult English and job readiness classes taught by qualified ESL instructors. SON Ministries is a nonprofit Christian organization. Classes meet from 6-8:30 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays, October through April. *Call year-round for registration details.*
Cost: Free

Godman Guild

Address: Classes meet at two locations: DeVry University, 1350 Alum Creek Drive, Columbus 43209
Godman Guild Sixth Avenue Building, 303 E. 6th Avenue, Columbus 43201
Website: godmanguild.org/adult-ed-3
Contact: 614-294-5476 (telephone); carolyn.hoffman@godmanguild.org
Classes: The Godman Guild offers ESOL courses, along with adult literacy classes for those testing out of ESOL. Morning and evening classes are available. Classes, designed to be self-paced and tailored to meet individual needs, focus on instruction in reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. Students receive lessons on American culture, and citizenship preparation is offered at the DeVry location. Prospective students must first attend an informational orientation session at their preferred class location, where they can then enroll. Orientations are held monthly. Check the website or call for dates, times and locations. *You must register at an orientation session before attending classes.*
Cost: Free

Grace Church of Powell

Address: 7600 Liberty Road N., Powell 43065
Website: gracechurchpowell.org
Contact: Sandy Farnar; 614-638-3137 (telephone)
Classes: English classes from beginning to advanced meet on Mondays from 7-9 pm. Childcare provided. *No registration required. Join a class at any time.*
Cost: Free; \$20 for textbooks

INCH (International Neighborhood Coffee House)

Address: University Baptist Church, 50 W. Lane Avenue, Columbus 43201
Website: ubccolumbus.org/inch
Contact: 614-294-6333 (telephone); inchcolumbus@gmail.com (email)
Classes: INCH offers small-group ESOL conversation and classes for women only. The program is staffed by volunteers who provide tutoring at the right level for every woman who attends. Classes meet on Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30 am, from the last week in August through the last week in May. Preschool children are welcome. Free parking 9:30 am-noon; enter the parking lot from Norwich Avenue. *Registration is not necessary. Join the group at any time.*
Cost: Free

Linworth United Methodist Church/ Worthington Schools

Address: Classes meet at Granby Elementary School, 1490 Hard Road, Columbus 43235
Website: linworthumc.org
Contact: Bonnie Thorn; 614-226-5513 (telephone) or Jeff Thorn; 614-718-9745 (telephone)
Classes: Volunteers work one-on-one with adult English language learners. Childcare is provided for children ages 4 and up. Tutoring begins at 7 pm on Mondays. Participants may arrive at 6:30 pm for additional instruction. Classes run during the school year, September through May. This program is sponsored jointly by Worthington Schools and Linworth United Methodist Church. *Participants may join at any time.*
Cost: Free

Our Lady of Guadalupe Center

Address: 409 Industry Drive, Columbus 43204
Website: colscss.org/our-lady-of-guadalupe-center
Contact: 614-340-7061 (telephone)
Classes: English classes for adults meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-2:30 pm. *Participants may join at any time.*
Cost: Free

South-Western City Schools Adult Basic Education

Address: Classes meet at South-Western Career Academy, Westland Area Library, Stiles Family Center and St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Website: swcsdcareertech.com/esl
Contact: 614-801-3477 (telephone); lora.giese@swcsd.us (email)
Classes: Call or email for class calendar. *Call or email for registration information.*
Cost: Free

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church

Address: 10700 Liberty Road S., Powell 43065
Website: stjoanofarcpowell.org/literacy-ministry
Contact: 614-761-0905 (telephone)
Classes: St. Joan of Arc literacy program offers one-on-one and small classes (up to 4 students at the same level) for English language learning. Students meet with a teacher at the church one hour per week. Teachers are trained volunteers and are able to meet Monday through Thursday, 9 am-5 pm; Friday, 9 am-noon; and Tuesday or Thursday, 6-9 pm. New students will be scheduled for an English skills assessment so they can be placed appropriately. *Please contact the church with your name, cell phone number and email address and ask that your information be forwarded to Tess Mawhinney. She will get back to you as soon as possible to answer your questions and schedule an initial skills assessment.*
Cost: Free

Tolles Career and Technical Center

Address: Classes are offered at Horizon Elementary School, Hilliard Station Sixth Grade School and the Hilliard branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library
Website: tollestech.com/adult-education/able-esol-ged
Contact: 614-873-4666, ext. 4248 (telephone)
Classes: Credentialed teachers help adults improve their skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening in English. Classes are taught at the basic, intermediate and advanced levels. *You must attend an orientation before attending class; call for dates.*
Cost: Free

Upper Arlington Public Library - Main Library

Address: 2800 Tremont Road, Upper Arlington 43221
Website: ualibrary.org
Contact: 614-486-9621 (telephone)
Classes: ESOL Current Events Discussion Group: Volunteer Sharon Kokot leads a weekly discussion about current news events for non-native English speakers to help develop speaking and reading comprehension skills. Classes meet in the fall and spring from 10 am-noon on Tuesdays. *No registration required.*
Cost: Free

Upper Arlington Public Library - Lane Road Branch

Address: 1945 Lane Road, Upper Arlington 43220
Website: ualibrary.org
Contact: 614-459-0273 (telephone)
Classes: Adults can practice speaking English with ESOL-trained volunteers on Wednesday afternoons. The class begins promptly at 1 pm and latecomers may not be allowed to attend. No summer classes. *Registration required. Call the library or visit ualibrary.org to register.*
Cost: Free

Vineyard Community Center - Vineyard Church of Columbus

Address: 6000 Cooper Road, Westerville 43081
Website: vineyardcommunitycenter.org
Contact: 614-259-5500 (telephone)
Classes: Volunteers lead classes on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10-11:30 am. Evening classes meet on Tuesdays from 7-9 pm (free childcare is available). No summer classes. Note: The Delaware Area Career Center (DACC) also offers classes at this location, with different teachers and curriculum. Please see the DACC listing for more information. *Registration required; call the Vineyard or register online.*
Cost: Free; participants are encouraged to purchase a textbook

Vineyard Columbus Sawmill Campus

Address: 4140 Tuller Road, Suite 122, Dublin 43017
Website: vineyardcolumbus.org/sawmill/about
Contact: Call Vineyard Cooper Road at 614-890-0000 and your message will be forwarded to the Sawmill campus staff; sawmill.esl@gmail.com (email)
Classes: Volunteers, including retired teachers and native Arabic speakers, provide English instruction at introductory, beginner, intermediate and advanced levels. Classes meet on Tuesdays from 7-9 pm.

Worthington Libraries

Address: Old Worthington Library, 820 High Street, Worthington 43085
Website: worthingtonlibraries.org
Contact: 614-807-2626 (telephone); jmaier@worthingtonlibraries.org (email)
Classes: English Conversation Group participants work with library staff to improve their understanding and fluency in spoken American English. Opportunities to discuss a variety of topics are supplemented with brief listening and pronunciation practice. Join the group at any time to meet new friends and talk about cultural differences in an informal setting. Sessions meet year-round with short breaks in December, late May and late August. *No registration required. Join the group at any time.*
Cost: Free

FIND A CLASS OR CONVERSATION GROUP NEAR YOU.

See the listings on the previous pages for more information about these programs and locations.

Columbus

- The Bridge Community Center Adult Education
- Columbus Public Schools Adult & Community Education
- Columbus State Community College Language Institute
- Conversational English Group, Indianola Presbyterian Church (OSU area)
- DeVry University - offered by Godman Guild
- Godman Guild Sixth Avenue Building
- INCH (International Neighborhood Coffee House) (OSU area)
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Center
- Westland Area Library - offered by South-Western City Schools Adult Basic Education

These organizations offer programs for adults in many different locations around Columbus:

- Columbus Public Schools Adult & Community Education
- Columbus Literacy Council
- Dominican Learning Center

Delaware

- Columbus State Community College
- Delaware County District Library, Orange branch - offered by Delaware Area Career Center
- Delaware Area Career Center, south campus - offered by Delaware Area Career Center
- Delaware City Schools Resource Center

Dublin

- Church of the Redeemer Moravian Church
- Dublin Coffman High School - offered by Dublin City Schools Community Education
- Faith Community Church
- Vineyard Columbus Sawmill campus

Grove City

- South-Western Career Academy - offered by South-Western City Schools Adult Basic Education

Groveport

- Eastland Career Center - offered by Eastland-Fairfield Career and Technical Schools
- Adult Workforce Development Center - offered by Eastland-Fairfield Career and Technical Schools

Hilliard

- Crossing Community Church
- Family ESL Program, Serving Our Neighbors (SON) Ministries
- Hilliard branch, Columbus Metropolitan Library - offered by Tolles Career and Technical Center
- Hilliard Station Sixth Grade School - offered by Tolles Career and Technical Center
- Horizon Elementary School - offered by Tolles Career and Technical Center

Powell

- Grace Church of Powell
- St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church

Upper Arlington

- Asian American Community Services
- Upper Arlington Public Library - Main Library
- Upper Arlington Public Library - Lane Road branch

Westerville

- Vineyard Community Center - offered by Delaware Area Career Center and Community Center staff

Whitehall

- Whitehall-Yearling High School - offered by Eastland-Fairfield Career and Technical Schools

Worthington

- Granby Elementary School - offered by Linworth United Methodist Church and Worthington Schools
- Old Worthington Library



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••• NORTHWEST LIBRARY 2280 HARD ROAD
••• WORTHINGTON PARK LIBRARY 1389 WORTHINGTON CENTRE DRIVE

••• 614.807.2626 ••• worthingtonlibraries.org

