Welcome to the English as a Second Language Program at Rice University. We offer non-native speakers of English the opportunity to improve their language skills in small classes that use an integrated-skills approach. We offer both a daytime Intensive English Program and an evening ESL Communication Skills Program. We have taught English as a Second Language to students from more than 115 countries since 1978, making our program a gateway to the Rice experience for the world.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Sayers, Ph.D., Director, Associate Dean
Glasscock School of Continuing Studies

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Intensive English Program

The Rice University Intensive English Program is open to non-native speakers of English who have a serious desire to improve their language skills. This challenging program is useful to working professionals and to students preparing for university study or professional programs. Students from more than 115 countries have attended the program.

The Intensive English Program offers six sessions each year; each session lasts seven weeks. In one year, students should be able to progress through the six-level core program. Classes meet on the Rice campus five days a week for four hours daily.

The course of study is based on an integrated-skills approach with listening, speaking, reading, writing and grammar components. Fluency and accuracy in both spoken and written English are emphasized. Classes average 12 students. The small class size allows each participant a maximum amount of individual attention and an opportunity to develop conversational skills.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Classes at any specific level, beginning through advanced, will depend on sufficient enrollment. Students must be willing to accept a morning (8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) or afternoon (1-5 p.m.) schedule as assigned by the director.
Intensive English Program Description

Intensive English Program students build practical English skills for general, academic or professional purposes.

LEVELS 1-4
In Levels 1-4, students concentrate on developing fundamental English skills in an interactive classroom setting. Course work emphasizes those skills necessary for effective oral and written communication. Instruction covers all areas of language development: practical vocabulary, basic language structures, and the essentials of reading, writing, listening and speaking.

LEVELS 5-6
In Levels 5-6, students continue to develop fluency and accuracy. Course work focuses on comprehensive skills as well as academic preparation skills, including the fundamentals of essay writing and the development of critical reading, listening and note-taking skills.

ADVANCED LEVEL
The Advanced Level is for students whose level of proficiency in English is beyond the six-level core program. Courses at this level focus on diverse areas of interest such as current issues, cross-cultural concerns, vocabulary expansion, public speaking, pronunciation, advanced reading and writing, and business English. Students may enroll in the Advanced Level more than one time with a different curriculum each time. TOEFL and IELTS preparation courses that emphasize test-taking and refining English language skills are also offered in selected sessions.
Intensive English Program Calendar 2016

1. SESSION DATES: January 4-February 29
   Application and re-enrollment deadline............ November 24
   Placement test ................................................................. January 4
   Orientation .............................................................. January 5
   Classes .......................................................... January 11-February 29
   M.L. King Jr. holiday ........................................................... January 18

2. SESSION DATES: March 1-April 26
   Application and re-enrollment deadline............. February 5
   Placement test ............................................................ March 1
   Orientation .............................................................. March 2
   Classes ........................................................... March 8-April 26
   Spring holiday ............................................................ March 25
   Staff development day (no classes) ..................... April 15

3. SESSION DATES: April 27-June 23
   Application and re-enrollment deadline............ April 1
   Placement test ............................................................. April 27
   Orientation ............................................................. April 28
   Classes ............................................................ May 5-June 23
   Memorial Day holiday ................................................... May 30

4. SESSION DATES: June 24-August 23
   Application and re-enrollment deadline............. June 3
   Placement test ............................................................ June 24
   Orientation ............................................................. June 27
   Classes ............................................................ July 6-August 23

5. SESSION DATES: August 24-October 20
   Application and re-enrollment deadline ............. July 29
   Placement test ............................................................. August 24
   Orientation ............................................................. August 25
   Classes .......................................................... September 1-October 20
   Labor Day holiday ........................................................ September 5
   Staff development day (no classes) ..................... October 7

6. SESSION DATES: October 21-December 20
   Application and re-enrollment deadline ............. September 30
   Placement test ............................................................. October 21
   Orientation ............................................................. October 24
   Classes .......................................................... October 31-December 20
   Cultural activity .................................................. November 10
   Thanksgiving holidays ............................................. November 23-25
Intensive English Program Admission

Persons applying for admission to the Intensive English Program must have graduated from secondary school. Admission to the program does not constitute admission to any other unit of Rice University. Students will not receive academic credit for courses in this program.

Program Fees

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All new students pay $2240 for their first session: $2140 tuition plus the $100 non-refundable testing and registration fee. A deposit of $500 is due upon acceptance into the program. New students must pay the balance of tuition by the placement test date for the session in which they are enrolling (see page 3).

APPLICATION

Complete the online application at esl.rice.edu/apply. Applicants must submit their most recent academic transcript.

BOOKS

Books may be purchased at the Rice University Bookstore. Book costs average approximately $175 per session.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY FOR HEALTH CARE

Information regarding student health care and medical insurance responsibilities is available at esl.rice.edu/policies.

SCHOLARSHIPS

A limited number of partial scholarships are available to re-enrolling students.

REFUND POLICY

The $100 testing and registration fee is non-refundable. New students withdrawing by 4 p.m. on the last business day before the first day of class will be charged a $100 cancellation fee to cover the cost of testing and registration. Returning students withdrawing after the re-enrollment deadline and by 4 p.m. on the last business day before the first day of class will be charged a $50 cancellation fee. Students withdrawing by 4 p.m. on the tenth day of class will receive a refund of one-third of their tuition. (Students who have paid $2140 will receive a $720 refund.) There is no refund for any student withdrawing after the tenth day of class. All refund requests must be submitted in writing to esl@rice.edu. See the full refund policy at esl.rice.edu/policies.
Student Services

Students in the Intensive English Program receive personal attention from the program’s staff. Special services include the following:

- Orientation to the program, the Rice University campus and the city of Houston
- A Rice University Student ID that allows the student access to campus activities, such as movies, sports and concerts, free or at a reduced rate, for a fee of $10 per seven-week session*
- Access to the state-of-the-art Recreation Center for a fee of $69 per seven-week session* (Visit recreation.rice.edu for more information.)
- Immigration counseling
- Academic advising for college and university admissions
- Student progress evaluation at the end of each session
- Access to campus parking in assigned areas for a $25 fee per seven-week session*
- Student activities each session, including picnics, the rodeo, the circus, sports events such as professional baseball, basketball and soccer, and field trips to museums and other destinations

*These fees are subject to increase.

Cost of Living Estimates

Students in the Rice University Intensive English Program spend an average of $1550 per month on rent, food and other expenses. The following chart gives monthly cost of living estimates.

MODERATE-LEVEL EXPENSES

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Students are responsible for making their own housing arrangements. Moderately priced facilities are generally available. Although the program does not provide housing or make housing arrangements, students may contact the Intensive English Program for a list of housing suggestions.
Immigration Information

The Intensive English Program is authorized to issue the I-20 form that the student needs to apply for an F-1 student visa for full-time intensive English study. Students requesting an I-20 must present the following documentation to the Rice University Intensive English Program:

______ Application
______ Deposit of $500
    (Payment is due when accepted into the program.)
______ Confirmation of financial resources
    ($2760 per month for tuition and living expenses)
______ Most recent academic transcript
______ Copy of passport identification page(s)
    (The copy must show picture, name, birthdate and passport expiration date.)

Transfer students must also present:

______ Signed transfer form from the foreign student adviser at the school the student last attended verifying eligibility to transfer. (The form may be downloaded from the ESL website.)
______ Copy of the I-20 form from the school last attended
______ Copy of F-1 visa page
______ Copy of I-94 admission form
______ Transcript from current school

The prospective F-1 student should present the following papers to a U.S. Consulate:

______ Passport, valid for at least six months
______ Confirmation of financial resources
______ I-20 form (Some foreign nationals are required to present an I-20 showing acceptance to an academic program. The Rice University Intensive English Program cannot issue such an I-20.)
______ Receipt for the I-901 SEVIS fee. (For further information, consult the U.S. government website at ice.gov/sevis/i901/index.htm.)

To maintain F-1 visa status, a student must attend a full course of study (20 hours per week) in the Rice University Intensive English Program. Students must complete a year of study or have completed the highest level of the program before being allowed to take time off from study.
Confirmation of Financial Resources

As part of the I-20 application process, the student must demonstrate proof of financial support ($2760 per month for tuition and living expenses). This may be done by submitting one of the following:

1. Bank Statement showing either:
   - Personal funds
   - Funds from an immediate family member outside the United States accompanied by a letter assuming financial responsibility
   - Funds from parents inside the United States accompanied by a letter assuming financial responsibility

   The Bank Statement must be from an officer of the bank or other financial institution in which the student or a family member has deposits. The statement must give the following details about the account:
   - Date the account was opened
   - Total amount deposited for the past year
   - Present balance

   All financial documentation must be expressed in U.S. dollars. These papers must be obtained in duplicate so that one set of originals can also be presented at the U.S. Consulate with the visa application.

2. Affidavit of Financial Support (I-134) from an individual sponsor (U.S. citizen or permanent resident) inside the United States. Proof of financial resources must accompany the affidavit. Forms may be obtained from the U.S. government at uscis.gov/files/form/i-134.pdf.

3. A scholarship letter from the sponsoring organization or government detailing the amount awarded to the student.

Prospective students must enter the United States on a student visa. Persons in the U.S. with diplomatic or other visas may also be eligible for the program provided study is not the main purpose of their stay in the United States.
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Special Programs

Intensive English classes are available either on site or on the Rice University campus. A minimum of 12 students is required to form a class. Classes are offered at intermediate or advanced levels of proficiency. Course schedule and fees will vary according to the type of instruction. For more information, contact the Language Programs office at esl@rice.edu or 713-348-4019.
About Rice University

Rice University is a private, coeducational institution known for its academic excellence and the achievements of its faculty, graduates and students. Rice offers outstanding programs in engineering, science, managerial studies, the humanities and the arts.

Although admission to the Intensive English Program does not constitute admission to any other unit of Rice University, facilities of the university are available to Intensive English students, including the Fondren Library and the Recreation Center. Most activities are also available, including sports, exhibitions, concerts, films and lectures. For further information on the University, consult rice.edu/virtualtours.

About Houston

Located in the state of Texas, Houston has a metropolitan area population of more than 6 million. The city boasts an international airport, museums, operas, festivals, theaters, concerts, professional sporting events, outstanding restaurants, one of the world’s foremost medical centers, the NASA Johnson Space Center and many other attractions.

Houston is the fourth largest city in the nation and is home to a culturally diverse population. A metrorail system connects downtown Houston with Rice University and the Texas Medical Center. Large retail centers such as the celebrated Galleria make Houston a favorite shopping destination for visitors from all over the world. Galveston’s beaches, less than an hour away, afford many recreational opportunities.
ESL Communication Skills Program – Intermediate and Advanced Levels

ESL Communication Skills classes are offered for those who wish to improve their everyday English communication skills or enhance their command of English for professional purposes. These non-credit classes address spoken communication skills and are designed for those who do not wish to enroll in a full course of study. Classes are for students at an intermediate or advanced level of proficiency. Those planning to study on an F-1 visa should consult the Intensive English Program section (see page 1). Classes are small, with an average of 12 students per class. Students develop both fluency and accuracy in English communication skills in an interactive classroom setting.

Evening classes meet twice a week (either Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday) for eight weeks. Classes meet from 5:45-7:15 p.m. or 7:30-9 p.m. on the Rice campus.

The exact schedule of classes is determined by student enrollment. Usually both intermediate- and advanced-level speaking classes are offered. Advanced oral presentation skills, pronunciation and writing classes are offered in sessions when demand is sufficient. Students are assigned class days and times based on their proficiency levels and available space.

TUITION AND FEES
Tuition for each eight-week session is $430, which includes a $30 processing fee. Book costs are not included in the tuition. A discount of $30 per session is available for continuing students re-enrolling within a year, provided the application and payment are received by the discount deadline.

APPLICATION
Complete the online application at esl.rice.edu/applyeveningsl.
ESL Communication Skills Program Calendar 2016

WINTER SESSION: January 25-March 17
Placement test and application/discount deadline* .................. January 6, 6 p.m.

SPRING SESSION: April 4-May 26
Placement test and application/discount deadline* .................. March 16, 6 p.m.

SUMMER SESSION: June 15-August 10
Placement test and application/discount deadline* .................. June 1, 6 p.m.
Independence Day holiday........................................... July 4

FALL SESSION: September 28-November 22
Placement test and application/discount deadline* ............... September 7, 6 p.m.

*Students returning within a year receive a discount if the application is submitted by the discount deadline.

TUITION REFUND POLICY
Course fees will be refunded in full if the class is canceled or if a student cancels a registration before the application deadline. If cancellation is made after the application deadline but before 5 p.m. on the last business day before classes begin, a $30 processing fee will be deducted from the refund. Students withdrawing before the fourth class meeting will receive a refund of one-third of the course fee. There is no refund for any student withdrawing after the fourth class meeting. All refund requests must be submitted in writing to esl@rice.edu. Refunds will be processed as credits to the accounts from which they were paid and may not appear as a credit until the following statement. Refunds for enrollments paid by check take up to four weeks to be processed and are mailed by the Rice University accounting office. There is a $30 charge for any check returned for insufficient funds.
Parking Information

On placement testing days and the first day of each session, the parking gates will be open to Commuter West Lot 4, located at Entrance 8 at University Boulevard and Stockton, at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time. See the campus map at rice.edu/maps.

For More Information

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Take a virtual tour  glasscock.rice.edu/tour

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