

**D**o you hold a university degree from your home country and need greater English proficiency to practice your profession?

Or are you thinking about pursuing a university degree?

The English Language Study Center at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, offers a range of classes and support services that can help you achieve your academic and professional goals.



## English Language Study Center Faculty and Support Services

ESL faculty members at Penn State Behrend are highly qualified professionals who hold advanced degrees in linguistics, applied linguistics, and TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages). These faculty members have a cumulative fifty years' experience teaching English language learners in the United States and at schools and universities around the world, and their shared passion is helping their students to learn and achieve.

Penn State Behrend's ESL support programs include:

- an Office of International Students
- BEAM, a peer mentoring program for English language learners
- the Learning Resource Center (for faculty and peer tutoring)
- free online tools for improving English skills
- an Office of Adult Learner Services
- the Office of Community and Workforce Programs
- the John M. Lilley Library

The English Language Study Center is an integral part of the B.A. in English degree's Writing Program within Penn State Behrend's School of Humanities and Social Sciences.

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Advancement



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# Improve your English, improve your opportunities.

English as a Second Language (ESL) classes at the English Language Study Center can help you develop the academic reading, writing, grammar, listening, and speaking skills needed to succeed in a university setting. If you already hold a degree, improving your command of spoken and written English will help you return to or advance in your profession.

Using proven placement testing methods, you'll be placed in the classes that will be most helpful to you. Classes are offered both during the day and evening, and all courses can be taken for credit, which allows qualified students to receive financial aid.

## **Specifically, the English Language Study Center can help you to improve**

### **Writing**

Classwork and tutoring will help you write clear, grammatically correct sentences.

### **Listening and Speaking**

Classwork and mentoring promote better fluency and pronunciation.

### **Reading**

Classwork and support can improve your reading speed and comprehension. These skills also help build your vocabulary.

### **Culture and Conversation Skills**

Knowledge and strategies that can help you understand and adapt to American culture.

## **Course Offerings**

### **For Nondegree Students**

The English Language Study Center offers evening classes in reading, writing, and spoken communication for anyone who does not want or need to earn college credit. Nondegree students still have access to all center faculty members, resources, and technologies.

### **For Degree-Seeking Students**

Degree-seeking students whose placement test indicates that language work is needed can take the English Language Study Center's evening classes for credit. In addition, the center offers two daytime classes that also meet Penn State's General Education requirements:

**ESL 015 ESL Composition for American Academic Communication II /ENGL 005 Writing Tutorial** is a 4-credit course combination for advanced nonnative English speakers. It is meant to develop American academic skills in reading and writing and it fulfills Penn State's ENGL 015 requirement.

**AM ST 100 Introduction to American Studies** is a 3-credit course that introduces newcomers to American culture, past and present.

To stay on track to graduation, degree students may be able to take content courses while also enrolled in ESL classes.

