MASTER ENGLISH WITH US
“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

“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
Dear Students,

Welcome to the American Language Institute (ALI). I am fortunate to work closely with an experienced faculty and a warm staff to provide you with a rich learning experience. I’m confident that you will gain a greater understanding of the English language and American culture when you study with us. You will then be able to use your newfound skills in personal, professional, or academic settings. In the meantime, I invite you to take advantage of all the ALI has to offer as we explore new ways to learn together, grow to know one another, and enjoy the riches that New York has to offer.

Warmly,

Lisa Springer
Associate Dean
NYU School of Professional Studies
American Language Institute

“A different language is a different vision of life.”

Federico Fellini
“Taking English courses at the ALI has been the most valuable investment of my life in the United States. I learned English, American history, culture, and a new way of thinking.”

Tae-Yeon Kim Korea

The NYU School of Professional Studies American Language Institute (ALI) has earned a worldwide reputation for helping students and professionals perfect their English communication skills. In fact, we currently educate one of the largest international populations among U.S. universities. Established in 1945, the American Language Institute is one of the first university-based language learning centers of its kind. Our location in the heart of New York City provides incomparable access to the cultures of the world. We extend our classroom to the streets, giving you complete immersion in language and culture to help you learn how to express yourself with ease and accuracy. At the ALI, you gain the language skills you need to excel in academic, professional, or social settings. Classes are dynamic, challenging, and fun. Whether you need to improve how you write or how you speak, ALI courses emphasize practical needs, American culture, and critical thinking. These courses are sure to give you a different vision of life as you master the English language.

In addition to our main campus in New York City, the NYU School of Professional Studies founded the ALI Tokyo Center in 2013. The Center offers a full range of English-language courses and programs in central Tokyo. If you are unable to attend classes in New York or in Tokyo, ALI faculty members also meet 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.

The ALI New York Experience

Whether you are learning English for academic or for professional purposes, the American Language Institute in New York offers unlimited opportunities to improve your English skills. The diversity of the student body, the University activities, the cultural attractions in New York City, and our dynamic faculty will all make your experience a memorable one.

Strolling through Washington Square Park on the way to the NYU library or the gym, attending classes in the historic Woolworth Building or at the Midtown Center, visiting ethnic neighborhoods to learn about food and culture, you will be inspired by new experiences that are sure to broaden your vision of the world and stimulate your language skills. To enhance your language studies, you will have access to a wide array of trips, seminars, performances, and social gatherings sponsored by the University.

The American Language Institute offers

- Over 65 years of experience in helping international students and professionals master the English language
- Experienced instructors who are renowned in their fields and who lecture worldwide on best teaching practices
- A diverse student body from over 70 countries that enriches the classroom experience
- Small class sizes and individualized attention
- A strong sense of international community within a progressive learning environment
- Extracurricular activities including field trips around the city and social events that are designed to increase cultural awareness and to provide informal opportunities to practice English
American Language Institute Programs

1. Academic English Program
This program is designed for students who are enrolled in, or who are entering, New York University or other universities. It emphasizes critical thinking, persuasive writing, public presentations and class participation—skills essential for success at an American university. Some students study full-time in preparation for degree studies; others, who are enrolled in degree programs, study in this program part-time.

2. Comprehensive English Program
This program prepares students to function in English in a range of academic, personal, and professional situations. The classes emphasize using English in realistic situations while challenging students intellectually. Students can take classes full-time or part-time.

Classes range from beginning to advanced levels of proficiency. Morning classes are devoted to reading/writing and listening/speaking skills. In the afternoon classes, students choose electives from a broad array of options including “The New York Art Scene,” “Improvisational Acting,” “Exploring New York,” “Listening Through the Movies,” “American Culture,” “Reading The New York Times,” and “Communicative Skills,” among others.

3. Professional English Program
This 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. This program helps students develop the skills necessary to excel in formal and informal situations at work or outside of work, while offering excellent opportunities to network with other international professionals in a classroom setting. Course offerings include “Business Writing,” “Business Communication,” “Accent Reduction,” “American Culture,” “Speaking with Confidence and Fluency,” “Writing Effectively,” and “Grammar Review,” among others.

Courses in the Professional English Program improve:
- Oral skills
- Writing skills
- Reading Skills
- Knowledge of culture and etiquette in the U.S. and in business
- Grammatical accuracy
- Presentation and communication skills
- Accent
- Critical thinking skills
- Self-confidence

“Effective. Fun. Challenging. This is how I’d define the course of study at the ALI.”
Stefania Spatti Italy
“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

4. Custom Programs

We also custom design programs for:

- Organizations
- Executives
- Individuals

We tailor courses to meet your needs and your schedules. Courses may be offered at the ALI or on-site. We provide private instruction for individuals as well as groups.

5. Special Programs

A) American English in New York

This three-week summer program offers the opportunity to learn, to improve, and to practice English while exploring New York City’s cultural attractions and its diverse neighborhoods. Through language study, students gain the confidence to navigate the City.

B) American College Experience

This three-week summer program provides students with a hands-on introduction to higher education in the United States. In ACE, international students, ages 16-19, learn how to create successful U.S. college applications, while also acquiring the skills necessary to effectively participate in campus life at an American university. Students gain the opportunity to meet with NYU admissions representatives and international student advisors; they benefit from instruction on admissions standards, the personal statement, and standardized college tests, such as the SAT and TOEFL. Additionally, students are immersed in the American college experience and learn how to participate in student life by going on tours with American students of the NYU campus.
“The ALI is an incredibly supportive environment for professionals from various countries and professions who want to speak better English. Your English will soar and you will forge great friendships and have the opportunity to network.”

Tamir Oren
Israel

C) Global Business Leadership Program
This professional English-language and cultural-training program provides students with the skills and the strategies necessary to succeed in today’s global organizations. The focus of the course is on business communication and cross-cultural techniques, with particular attention to professional vocabulary, presentation skills, business writing, interviewing skills, and ethical/cultural considerations in a global economy. Students have the opportunity to benefit from distinguished guest lecturers who are experts in the cutting-edge career fields of public relations, leadership and human capital management, entrepreneurship, and business law. These practicing industry professionals work with the international business community in New York City and will introduce students to key industry sectors, while teaching them how to expand their international network.

D) Global Certificate Program
The ALI offers Global Certificates designed for international professionals and students who plan to enhance their global careers with a relevant credential in the business world. Each certificate combines:

- English-language study through the ALI
- Specialized career training in a designated certificate track

In the morning, students enroll in the Comprehensive English Program. In the afternoons and evenings, students enroll in content courses with American students in a certificate field of specialization offered by the NYU School of Professional Studies. At the culmination of the program, students earn a certificate in professional English and one of several content areas, including: art business and arts management, digital filmmaking, financial analysis, finance fundamentals, graphic production, marketing strategies and execution, media technologies, real estate development, and real estate finance and investment.

E) Customized Programs
Our experienced team of administrators and instructors has worked in collaboration with international consultants to develop and to implement special programs tailored to particular needs and interests. Diverse training is available to groups, international educational and recruitment consultants, small businesses, international youth leadership groups, and corporations in a variety of formats:

- Customized training and language instruction
- Corporate education
- Intensive programming
- Youth leadership programs
- Short-term seminars

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“Studying English at the American Language Institute allowed me to be myself in a language that was not my native one. It empowered me to be genuine, effective, and clear in a language that I once only knew through pop music. It helped me transform a second language into my first—and love it. I recommend these courses with the highest level of enthusiasm. They were a game-changer for me.”

Marta Murcia  Spain
At the ALI, I realized how amazing English is. It is more than a communication tool; it has helped me explore the world in unexpected ways.”

Luhan Lin  China

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 U.S. consulate or at another appropriate agency. To download the application and for information on specific requirements, visit sps.nyu.edu/ali or call (212) 998-7040.

Language Proficiency Evaluation
All students are required to take a language proficiency test before beginning classes. A test date will be assigned to F-1 sponsored international students. All other students must visit our website at sps.nyu.edu/ali or call (212) 998-7040 to schedule an appointment.

About the NYU School of Professional Studies
Celebrating its 80th anniversary, 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 noncredit programs in fields such as Accounting, Finance, and Law; Applied Politics; Creative Cities and Economic Development; English-Language Learning; Foreign Languages, Translation, and Interpreting; Fundraising and Grantmaking; Global Affairs; Graphic Communications Management and Technology; Health Information Management; Hospitality, Tourism, and Sports Management; Human Resource Management and Development; Liberal and Allied Arts; Management and Systems; Marketing; Professional Writing; Project Management; Public Relations and Corporate Communication; Publishing; and Real Estate, Real Estate Development, and Construction Management.

More than 100 distinguished full-time faculty members collaborate with an exceptional cadre of practitioner/adjunct faculty and lecturers to create vibrant professional and academic networks that annually attract nearly 5,000 degree-seeking students from around the globe. In addition, the School fulfills the recurrent continuing higher education needs of local and professional communities, as evidenced by close to 48,000 annual noncredit enrollments in individual courses, specialized certificate programs, workshops, and seminars. The School’s community is enriched by more than 28,000 degree-holding alumni worldwide, many of whom serve as mentors, guest speakers, and advisory board members. For more information about the NYU School of Professional Studies, visit sps.nyu.edu.
“I learned not only English, but also about life and laughter.”

Yasuko Miyazaki  Japan
“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.”

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