ESOL PROGRAMS ARE FOR ADULTS

age 17 and older
ESOL Program
English for Speakers of Other Languages

Queens Library’s New Americans Program offers free English classes for the immigrant population of Queens to help speakers of other languages improve their English-language skills, achieve fluency and self-sufficiency, and become integrated into American society.

Queens Library’s ESOL Program serves nearly 3,000 students every year. The students represent more than 80 countries and speak over 50 different languages.

ESOL classes are offered during the spring semester (February-May) and the fall semester (September-December) for approximately 13 weeks. Classes are offered at different times to suit different schedules: mornings, afternoons, evenings, and weekends. Registration is first come, first served.

For More Information

Call the ESOL office at 718.480.4300 or visit us at queenslibrary.org/esol

Quick Fact

Over 25 percent of Queens residents say they speak English less than “very well”—the highest percentage of residents in any borough in New York City.
ESOL Curriculum

The ESOL curriculum is aligned with the Common Core Standards (CCS) and emphasizes college and career readiness skills. The curriculum has been designed to teach vocabulary and grammar through lessons about everyday situations, such as going to the doctor, shopping at the supermarket, or renting an apartment. Civics lessons are also an integral part of our curriculum. All ESOL classes are taught by experienced professional teachers and are limited to 25-30 students per class.

The following class levels are available:

**Beginner**: Appropriate for individuals who understand only very simple phrases and can read and write only a few words in English.

**Intermediate**: Appropriate for individuals who can already understand simple phrases and are able to express basic survival needs, but are not yet fluent.

**Advanced**: Appropriate for individuals who can converse, and have mastered basic grammar. The course focuses on conversation skills as well as reading and writing. *(Not offered every semester)*

**Small Conversation Groups**: Appropriate for individuals who wish to keep their English-language skills sharp through basic conversation. These classes are taught by dedicated and trained Queens Library volunteers using a thematic approach.
Queens Library’s New Americans Program (NAP) serves residents of Queens whose primary language is not English. NAP provides ESOL classes, cultural arts programs, coping-skills workshops, international language collections, and other informational services. NAP works with Queens Library’s Adult Learner Program, Job & Business Academy, and community libraries to assess local needs and link residents to existing system-wide library and social services to enhance civic engagement.

Free Services offered by the New Americans Program include:

- Citizenship Preparation
- New Americans Corners
- Coping Skills Workshops
- Cultural Arts Programs
- International Language Collections

**Quick Fact**

Queens is the most ethnically diverse county in the United States. More than 50 percent of Queens residents speak a language other than English at home.
Adult Learning Centers
Queens Library also has seven Adult Learning Centers with full-time professional staff and volunteers who provide the following services: Adult Basic Education (ABE) classes, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes, High School Equivalency (HSE) classes, technology classes, and case-management services.

Queens Library
Adult Learning Center Locations

Central Library
89-11 Merrick Boulevard
Jamaica
718.480.4222

Elmhurst
86-07 Broadway, Lower Level
718.271.1020, Ext. 3

Flushing
41-17 Main Street
718.661.1241

Jackson Heights
35-51 81 Street
718.899.2500

Long Island City
37-44 21 Street
718.752.3723

Peninsula
92-25 Rockaway Beach Boulevard
Rockaway Beach
718.954.7058

Rochdale Village
169-09 137 Avenue
Jamaica
718.723.7662