

# BOSTON AREA ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

There are many opportunities to learn English in the Boston area in a variety of different programs. We have compiled a **partial** list of area English as a Second Language (ESL) programs to help you make a more educated choice as to which program suits your needs. The programs listed on the following pages have been grouped by the type of institution offering the ESL courses. Please note that we are unable to evaluate the quality of each program. Before you make a decision about which program to attend, you may want to consider which aspects of the program are most important to you—location, price, dates, teachers' qualifications, and schedules. Most of this information can be found on the following web sites. We recommend visiting the school you choose before signing up for classes, to be sure that you have made the best choice for your needs.

## PROGRAMS AT UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

The university and college programs listed here are open to all adults. Most courses are designed for full-time study, with the option of taking a partial course load. One benefit of studying at a university or college center is the availability of campus facilities such as language laboratories and computer learning stations, or even swimming pools. Admission to a college or university ESL program does not automatically entitle a student to admission as a degree student at that institution. **Most programs have either a semester system (normally September to December, and then January to May) or monthly (four week) sessions.**

## PRIVATE PROGRAMS

Most of these programs offer courses in ESL and other languages. Classes are usually designed for the individual's needs: part-time, full-time, private lessons, or group classes. Tuition costs are often comparable to those at colleges and universities, and may be higher for private lessons. Teacher qualifications vary greatly; some instructors may not have degrees in ESL instruction, but most are experienced in the classroom. Students tend to enjoy these schools because they are so flexible with their class times and registration.

## ADULT EDUCATION CENTERS

These are not ESL schools, but centers which offer courses in many different subjects, including ESL to adults. These organizations try to keep the cost of the courses low. Most of the classes are non-intensive, normally 3 to 5 hours per week, and are often only offered at night. Teacher qualifications vary, even within one organization. Many students prefer these classes because they are non-intensive and can be taken in addition to work or other classes.

UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE	PRIVATE PROGRAM	ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM
<p><b>Boston University CELOP</b> 890 Commonwealth Ave. Boston, MA 02215 phone: 1-617-353-4870 fax: (617)-353-6195 email: celop@bu.edu website: www.bu.edu/celop</p>	<p><b>Boston Kaplan Center</b> One Congress Street Boston, MA 02114 phone: (617) 722-4180 email: world@kaplan.com website: www.kaptest.com</p>	<p><b>Boston Center for Adult Education</b> 5 Commonwealth Ave. Boston, MA 02116 phone: (617) 267-4430 fax: (617) 247-3606 email: information@bcae.org website: <a href="http://www.bcae.org">www.bcae.org</a></p>
<p><b>EF Language Schools</b> 200 Lake Street Brighton, MA 02135 phone: 1-877-235-7895 fax: (617) 746-1779 website: <a href="http://www.ef.com">www.ef.com</a></p>	<p><b>Cambridge Kaplan Center</b> 39 JFK Street Cambridge, MA 02138 phone: (617) 661-6965 website: www.kaptest.com</p>	<p><b>Brookline Adult Education</b> 115 Greenough St. Brookline, MA 02445 phone: (617) 730-2700 fax: (617) 730-2674 email: bacep@brookline.k12.ma.us website: www.brooklineadulthood.org</p>
<p><b>Harvard Extension School</b> Harvard Institute for English Language Programs 51 Brattle St., 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Cambridge, MA 02138 (617) 495-2693 email: iel@dcemail.harvard.edu website: www.iel.harvard.edu</p>	<p><b>ELS Language Centers</b> 1000 Massachusetts Ave Suite 302 Cambridge, MA 02138 phone: (617) 873-0682 fax: (617) 873-0686 email: bcm@els.edu website: www.els.edu</p>	<p><b>Cambridge Adult Education Center</b> 42 Brattle Street Cambridge, MA 0213 phone: (617) 547-6789 fax: (617) 497-7532 website: <a href="http://www.ccae.org/catalog/courses">http://www.ccae.org/catalog/courses</a></p>
<p><b>ELS Language Centers at Mount Ida College</b> 777 Dedham Street, Miller Hall Newton, MA 02459 phone: (617) 244-4448 fax: (617) 244-2455 email: bos@els.edu website: www.els.edu</p>	<p><b>Boston Language Institute</b> 648 Beacon Street (Kenmore Square) 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Boston, MA 02215 phone: (617) 262-3595 fax: (617) 247-3919 email: info@boslang.com website: www.bostonlanguage.com</p>	<p><b>Greater Boston YMCA International Services</b> 316 Huntington Ave. Boston, MA 02115 (617) 927-8244 website: www.ymcaboston.org</p>
<p><b>Northeastern University</b> English Language Center 360 Huntington Ave. 206 Ell Hall Boston, MA 02115 phone: (617) 373-2455 fax: (617) 373-8929 email: <a href="mailto:spcsele@neu.edu">spcsele@neu.edu</a> website: www.spcs.neu.edu/elc/</p>	<p><b>English Language Center</b> 20 Park Plaza, Suite 1201 Boston, MA 02116 phone: (617) 536-9788 fax: (617) 536-5789 email: elcboston@elcusa.com website: www.elcusa.com</p>	
	<p><b>New England School of English</b> Harvard Square 36 JFK Street Cambridge, MA 02138 phone: (617) 864-7170 fax: (617) 864-7282 email: admissions@nese.com website: www.nese.com</p>	