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BOSTON AREA - ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

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 for adults. These organizations try to keep the cost of their courses low. Most of the classes are non-intensive, normally 3 to 5 hours per week, and are often offered only at night. Teacher qualifications vary, even within each organization. Many students prefer these classes because they are non-intensive and can be taken in addition to work or other classes.

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Name/Contact	Program Type	Part-time Option	Intensive Option	Housing available	Academic Credit/Certification
<p>Boston University CELOP 890 Commonwealth Ave., 2nd Floor Boston, MA 02215 Tel: (617) 353-4870 Fax: (617) 353-6195 Email: celop@bu.edu Website: www.bu.edu/celop</p>	<p>University/ College Program</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓
<p>Northeastern University American Classroom 360 Huntington Ave. Boston, MA 02115 Tel: (877) 668-7727 Fax: (617) 373-8929 Email: americanclassroom@neu.edu Website: https://cps.northeastern.edu/programs/international/language-prep</p>	<p>University/ College program</p>	✘	✓	✓	✓
<p>EF Education First 1 Education St. Cambridge, MA 02141 Tel: 1-800-457-1300 Email: ilsdirect@ef.com Website: www.ef.com</p>	<p>Private</p>	✘	✓	✓	✓
<p>Boston Kaplan Center 540 Commonwealth Avenue Boston, MA 02115 Tel: (617) 648-4418 Website: www.kaplaninternational.com</p>	<p>Private</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓
<p>English Language Center 11 Beacon St., 2nd floor Boston, MA 02108 Tel: (617) 536-9788 Fax: (617) 536-5789 Email: elcboston@elc.com Website: www.elc.edu</p>	<p>Private</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓

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<p>ELS Language Centers 125 Tremont St. Boston, MA 02108 Tel: (617) 574-4820 Email: bcm@els.edu Website: www.els.edu/bostondowntown</p>	Private	*	✓	✓	✓
<p>New England School of English Harvard Square 36 John F. Kennedy St. Cambridge, MA 02138 Tel: (617) 864-7170 Fax: (617) 864-7282 Email: admissions@nese.com Website: www.nese.edu</p>	Private	✓	✓	✓	✓
<p>Boston Center for Adult Education 122 Arlington St. Boston, MA 02116 Tel: (617) 267-4430 Fax: (617) 247-3606 Email: information@bcae.org Website: www.bcae.org</p>	Adult Education	✓	✓	*	✓
<p>Greater Boston YMCA International Learning Center 100 Franklin St. Boston, MA 02110 Tel: (617) 927-8244 Fax: (617) 536-4872 Email: international@ymcaboston.org Website: http://ymcaboston.org/internationallearningcenter</p>	Adult Education	✓	✓	*	*

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<p>Cambridge Center for Adult Education 42 Brattle St. Cambridge, MA 02138 Tel: (617) 547-6789 Fax: (617) 497-7532 Email: info@ccae.org Website: https://ccae.org</p>	Adult Education	✓	✓	✗	✗
<p>MLS English Language Program Davis Square 402 A Highland Ave., Suite 1 Somerville, MA 02144 Tel: (617) 500-3215 Email: english@mls.education Website: www.mls.education</p>	Adult Education	✓	✗	✗	✓
<p>Cambridge Kaplan Center 39 John F. Kennedy St. Cambridge, MA 02138 Tel: (800) 527-8378 Website: www.kaplaninternational.com</p>	Private	✓	✓	✓	✓
<p>Brookline Adult Education Room 100, Brookline High School 115 Greenough St. Brookline, MA 02445 Tel: (617) 730-2700 Fax: (617) 730-2674 Email: bacep@psbma.org Website: www.brooklineadulted.org</p>	Adult Education	✓	✓	✗	✗