Study English at an Ivy League University
One of the top programs in the US, the University of Pennsylvania’s English Language Programs (ELP) offers Academic English, Business English, and General English to 2,000 students from 35 countries each year. As part of the university community, the ELP opens the door for students to study English at a top-ranked US university.
Penn’s ELP provides students with resources that uniquely prepare them for academic and business experiences.

**Well-equipped university classrooms**

**Immersion in the language and culture of the US**

**Exposure to the US university system**

**Small class sizes (average of 8–14 students)**

**Cross-cultural exchange with Penn students**

**Experienced Faculty**

All full-time instructors hold master’s or PhD degrees in English as a Second Language (ESL) or Applied Linguistics and have extensive teaching experience. ELP instructors also have specific areas of expertise, such as business, science, academic preparation, and university admissions. Active in international organizations, they research, publish, and regularly present at professional conferences.
CORE COURSES
Core courses cover integrated skills, including speaking, listening, reading, writing, grammar and vocabulary.

Intensive Program
In the ELP’s accredited Intensive Program (IP), students develop their English language skills through well-designed core and elective courses.

PROGRAM FEATURES
7 weeks
Session length
20 hours
Per week
8 levels
Beginner to advanced

ELECTIVE COURSES
Intermediate and advanced-level students choose from more than 40 electives that focus in-depth on specific skills.

Intensive Program Sample Schedules
20 academic hours per week*

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*1 academic hour = 50 minutes

“...The strength of Penn ELP is the outstanding instructors, who are professional and supportive academically and personally. I learned so much and achieved my goal of getting into a top graduate school and improving English skills for my career.”
— Glaucia M., Brazil
**University Connection**

The University Connection program (UniConn) prepares students for the US undergraduate and graduate school admissions process as well as academic study at the university level.

**PROGRAM FEATURES**

7 weeks  
Session length

20 hours  
Per week

Intermediate to advanced levels

**PROGRAM COURSES**

Students develop academic English and admissions-focused skills, with elective options such as Academic Vocabulary, Reading Academic Texts, Research Paper Writing, Skills for Success at US Universities, and Writing the University Application Essay.

**UNICONN SERVICES**

- One-on-one advising with university admissions specialists
- Workshops on university admissions process
- Opportunity to meet US university admissions representatives

**University Connection Plus**

Eligible high intermediate-level students can take a test preparation course, such as the SAT, ACT, GRE, or GMAT, in place of an academic or admissions-focused elective.

**Credit non-degree courses at Penn**

Eligible advanced-level students can take a credit course through Penn’s College of Liberal and Professional Studies (LPS). This option allows students to study alongside Penn undergraduate students and earn academic credit. Students who take a credit course are also enrolled in 3 advanced ELP electives.

**UniConn Sample Weekly Schedule**

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The Global Citizen Study Abroad Program (GCP) offers students a comprehensive Ivy League study abroad experience that incorporates academic English language study and undergraduate credit course opportunities.

**PROGRAM FEATURES**

- **4 or 8 months**  
  Session length

- **18-20 hours**  
  Per week

- **1 credit course**  
  At the undergraduate level

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSES**

English language courses assist students in enhancing their academic English skills and building proficiency. Students choose from courses such as Advanced Speaking & Listening for Academic Purposes, Reading Academic Texts, and Research Paper Writing, among many others.

**UNDERGRADUATE CREDIT COURSES**

Students experience the dynamic US university classroom and study alongside Penn students in an undergraduate credit course through Penn’s College of Liberal and Professional Studies. Students select from diverse subject areas such as anthropology, economics, environmental studies, international relations, and political science. Students with a proficiency level near 100 TOEFL iBT may be able to enroll in additional credit courses.

**ACADEMIC SUPPORT COURSE**

Students develop effective and efficient study skills to deal with the demands and expectations of academic study in English at an Ivy League university.
Institute for Academic Studies

Institute for Academic Studies helps establish a foundation for university-level English. Students receive an introduction to academic subjects in English and culture at a US university.

Institute for Academic Studies Sample Weekly Schedule

20 academic hours per week*

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** Core course covers integrated skills, including speaking, listening, reading, writing, vocabulary, and grammar.

PROGRAM FEATURES

4 weeks
Session length

20 hours
Per week

3–5 hours
Field work or socio-cultural activities per week

4 lectures
By Penn professors

Pre-intermediate to advanced levels

CORE COURSE
Students develop their English language skills through studying the culture and history of Philadelphia, and build the skills to communicate clearly and confidently in a university setting.

ELECTIVE COURSES
Elective courses introduce students to academic subjects in English. Students take 2 English language electives in areas such as Communications, Innovation & Technology, Leadership, Marketing, Resiliency, and Sustainability.

FIELDWORK
Through class-wide and independent field work, students go beyond the classroom to find connections to their studies across Philadelphia’s many unique neighborhoods.

CORE COURSE
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ELECTIVE COURSES
Elective courses introduce students to academic subjects in English. Students take 2 English language electives in areas such as Communications, Innovation & Technology, Leadership, Marketing, Resiliency, and Sustainability.
Institute for Business Communication

The Institute for Business Communication (IBC) engages students in a variety of real world business issues and topics. IBC is designed to improve students’ business knowledge and professional communication skills. No prior business experience is required.

**PROGRAM FEATURES**

**4 weeks**
Session length

**20-25 hours**
Per week

**3-5 hours**
Socio-cultural activities per week

**4 lectures**
By Penn professors

Intermediate to advanced levels

**PROGRAM COURSES**

Through simulated activities and targeted assessments, students develop successful communication skills for business contexts. Students cover skills such as analyzing business strategies, negotiating effectively, collaborating in meetings, speaking persuasively, and writing with a professional tone.

Institute for Business Communication Sample Weekly Schedule

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Custom Programs

ELP’s Custom Programs offer tailored workshops, courses, and programs for foundations, multinational corporations, universities, and government agencies. We work closely with sponsors to design a program of study that fully meets the needs of the participants. We offer custom programs when our regularly scheduled programs do not take place at a convenient time of year or when our programs do not include the type of academic and sociocultural experiences that a sponsor might be seeking.

Online Programs

Online Programs allow participants to conveniently access Ivy League English language courses from a distance. Courses build on ELP’s expertise in language instruction and focus on a variety of exciting topics such as business, science, journalism, and university admissions. ELP offers paid courses with small class sizes as well as free Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs). MOOCs are open-access, non-credit courses, available to learners around the world.

FLEXIBLE PROGRAM FEATURES
• Program Length
• Program Delivery
• Program Content

PARTIAL CLIENT LIST
Bancho Bradesco
Dankook University
Hitotsubash University
King Abdullah University of Science and Technology
Philadelphia Union (Major League Soccer team)
Saudi Arabia Basic Industries Corporation
Toyota Motors
Universidad del Norte
US Department of State

CURRENT MOOCS
• Applying to US Universities
• English for Business and Entrepreneurship
• English for Journalism
• English for Career Development
• English for Media Literacy
• English for Science, Technology, Education and Mathematics (STEM)

OPEN-ENROLLMENT AND CUSTOM ONLINE COURSES
• Writing the University Application Essay
• Custom English for Journalists in Kazakhstan
“The English Language Program in Philadelphia was a place I called home. It was a place where I created friendships with many students from all parts of the world.”
— Duaa, Saudi Arabia

Student Services and Resources
The ELP has excellent resources and support services for students.

Student Center
- Learn about fun events on campus and in Philadelphia
- Relax with a cup of coffee, meet new people, and practice English
- Check e-mail on Penn computers
- Participate in Culture Hours and weekly activities

Free Activities and Trips:
- Social and cultural activities, including museum visits, concerts, and parties
- Field trips, such as professional sporting events, shopping excursions, and beach trips
- Conversation Partners program to practice English with native speakers (based on availability)
- Penn student clubs to volunteer, play sports, or explore new interests

Additional Resources
- Academic advising
- Assistance with cultural adjustment, housing, and visas
- Private tutoring (additional fees apply)

On-campus Resources
- Wireless internet
- Access to computer labs, university museums, 15 libraries
- Lectures by well-known professors and industry leaders
- Transportation around campus
- Dining plan options (additional fees apply)
- Fitness centers (additional fees apply)

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Accommodations

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE
0.64 kilometers from ELP
Suites of ten single rooms with shared lounge, bathroom, and optional kitchen.
More than 350 American and international student residents.
Free activities, such as international festivals and foreign films.

THE AXIS
0.50 kilometers from ELP
Shared or single rooms available.
Residents have access to shared fitness center, game room, and theater room.

DORMITORIES
On-campus Penn dormitories provide a true US university living experience. Availability varies by season.

HOMESTAY
within walking distance of campus
Private bedroom, some shared meals with host family. Experience of American life with English-speaking family.

OFF-CAMPUS OPTIONS
Penn’s Off-Campus Services has information on area apartments, hotels, and other housing options. Please check the ELP website, (www.elp.upenn.edu/student-life/housing) for more information.

Points of Interest
- Institute of Contemporary Art
- Penn Park
- Penn Museum
- Health and Fitness Center
- 30th Street Train Station
- Movie Theater
- Fresh Grocer
- Penn Ice-Skating Rink
Apply to English Language Programs:

Enrollment form can be downloaded at:
www.elp.upenn.edu/apply

Program-specific requirements can be found on the enrollment form.

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Accreditations
The Intensive Program at the University of Pennsylvania's English Language Programs is accredited by the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation for the period of August 2016 through August 2026 and agrees to uphold the CEA Standards for English Language Programs and Institutions. CEA is recognized by the US Secretary of Education as a national accrediting agency for English language programs and institutions in the US. For further information about this accreditation, please contact CEA, 1001 North Fairfax Street, Suite 630, Alexandria, VA 22314, (703) 665-3400, www.cea-accredit.org.

We also adhere to the standards of the following two organizations, of which the ELP is a member: AIEEP: Association of American Intensive English Programs, UCIEP: Consortium of University and College Intensive English Programs.

Enrollment in the ELP does not constitute admission to any other program at the University of Pennsylvania.

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