Massive open online courses (MOOCs) are free courses available online to learners throughout the world.

The University of Pennsylvania English Language Programs (Penn ELP) received a grant from the US Department of State to develop and facilitate five English language MOOCs for major career fields. These five MOOCs are for pre-intermediate to intermediate level learners.

Penn ELP also offers a MOOC for students wishing to apply for undergraduate admission at US universities. This course is for intermediate to advanced-level learners.
English for Business and Entrepreneurship
Learners improve their English language skills for communicating ideas about business. They learn how to write a business plan, conduct market research, and communicate with clients and customers.
Level: Pre-intermediate to intermediate
Launch date: May 15, 2016 (New sessions begin every two weeks)

English for Journalism
Learners improve their English language skills for modern journalism and explore print and digital media through authentic readings and video lectures. They expand their vocabulary and increase their ability to read, research, and develop local and global news stories.
Level: Pre-intermediate to intermediate
Launch date: August 15, 2016 (New sessions begin every two weeks)

English for Career Development
Learners improve their English language skills for professional development. They learn how to write resumes, cover letters, and professional email messages.
Level: Pre-intermediate to intermediate
Launch date: November 7, 2016 (New sessions begin every two weeks)

English for Media Literacy
Learners develop and practice English language skills related to different forms of media. They develop critical thinking skills as they read and evaluate different types of media, such as social media, blogs, podcasts, television, film, newspapers, and magazines.
Level: Pre-intermediate to intermediate
Launch date: April 3, 2017 (New sessions begin every two weeks)

English for STEM Fields
Learners develop the English language skills used in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) fields. They explore some of the most innovative areas of scientific study, while expanding their vocabulary and the grammatical structures needed to share scientific information.
Level: Pre-intermediate to intermediate
Launch date: June 5, 2017 (New sessions begin every two weeks)

Applying for US Universities
International students learn how to navigate the US university undergraduate admissions process. Students gain an understanding of documents and pieces that make up a US university application. They also learn about application basics including how to research schools, create a school list, and establish an application plan.
Level: Intermediate to advanced
Launch date: March 16, 2014 (New sessions begin every four weeks)

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