BIR Training Center's Integrated Learning

BIR Training Center's integrated learning approach stands apart from other U.S. based language training institutions. Our approach has three components: lectures, content-based workshops, and individual learning. Combined, these components provide thorough language learning so students are prepared to meet their life, academic, and professional goals.

Lectures – The Cornerstone of English Language Fluency

Each course includes two weekly lectures that intensively focus on one of the core English language skills: reading, speaking, listening, or writing.

Workshops – The Fast Lane to Fluency

Lectures are complimented by two weekly content- or skills-based workshops. Workshops encourage students to work collaboratively on a topic and learn together.

Individual Learning – Tutoring and Study Halls

The third component in BIR's integrated learning approach is the Learning Center. One-on-one tutoring, small group tutoring, study halls, and self-study are available to assist students in the areas they need the most help.

From Beginning English to Academic and Professional Success

BIR's English Language Programs offer high quality English language instruction and affordable tuition. Our programs are for all fluency levels, helping students gain the oral and written proficiency needed to succeed in academics, the workplace and everyday life.

BIR Training Center Advantages:

• Flexible schedule offers day, evening and weekend classes
• Expert instructors hold advanced degrees in linguistics, education, and related fields
• Affordable tuition makes BIR a great choice

Getting started is easy. Entering students receive a language assessment and are placed in the appropriate program and level of study.

English Language Programs

Introductory Program:

This is the perfect starting point for students who are either new to English or have some English skills. This 35 credit program consists of seven courses, including Foundations, Beginning, and Intermediate courses. The English Language Introductory Program builds a base of English skills in reading, speaking, listening, and writing.

Bridge Program:

This program is ideal for students with moderate English skills. This 35 credit program consists of 7 courses, including Intermediate, Advanced and Academic Bridge courses. The English Language Bridge Program builds on student skills by teaching advanced grammar, public speaking, and essay writing.

Test Preparation Program:

BIR's Test Preparation Program is for students who are planning to take the TOEFL®-iBT or IELTS standardized English tests. For more information, please see BIR's Test Preparation Brochure.

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Education that WORKS!

BIR is a private, postsecondary school for technical, business, and language learning. BIR has been educating students since 1993 and enjoys the reputation of a friendly institution serving the needs of a diverse student body.

Affordable tuition and no-interest payment plans. Federal and state financial aid are available for qualified students.

Call BIR and speak with a counselor about your future 773-866-0111 or email: contact@birtraining.edu

ENGLISH FLUENCY

Students attend 2 lectures, 2 workshops, and 1 tutoring session per week.

Chicago Locations*

Main: 3601 W. Devon Ave., 60659
Loop: 828 S. Wabash Ave., 60605
Belmont: 6240 W. Belmont Ave., 60634
O’Hare: 5440 N. Cumberland Ave., 60656

*Not all programs available at all locations

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2 Per Week

Workshops & Streams: The Fast Lane to Fluency

**Workshops -- General Interest Electives that Accelerate Fluency**

Workshops are instructor-led sessions that are less formal than lectures, and are available on a variety of topics. Students collaborate on assignments, and this interaction allows them to learn together. Each course includes two workshops, which are available at Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced and Academic Bridge Levels.

**Stream Workshops -- Certificates that Enhance Your Academic and Career Success**

For students who want in-depth knowledge on a specific topic, BIR offers Stream certificates. Stream certificates are awarded upon the successful completion of three workshops in an area of concentration. Stream certificates are available in the following areas:

- Medical English
- Business English
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Journalism
- American Workplace
- Test Prep
- Computer Technology

* Test Prep Streams are available on: TOEFL®-iBT, IELTS, NCLEX and GMAT

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2 Per Week

Lectures: The Cornerstone of BIR’s Integrated Learning Approach

Students Enter at Appropriate Level Based on Results of an Assessment

Each Level Progresses in Difficulty, Building Upon Skills Developed in Previous Levels

- No English Fluency
- Intermediate Fluency
- Advanced Fluency

**1 - Beginning**

Students who enter the Beginning Level have limited English skills. Utilizing familiar topics like family and food, students learn grammar, sentence structure, and how to ask questions in English.

**2 - Intermediate**

Students who enter the Intermediate Level have some English skills. Students at the Intermediate Level learn to read and understand meanings in written texts, express ideas, and write paragraphs in English.

**3 - Advanced**

Students who enter the Advanced Level have moderate English skills. Students learn advanced conversation skills, advanced grammar and sentence structure, and how to write essays.

**4 - Academic Bridge**

Students who enter the Academic Bridge Level have strong English skills. Students learn public speaking skills, professional and academic vocabularies, critical thinking skills, and how to write and edit professional essays.

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1 Per Week

The Learning Center: Your Source for Individual Learning

The Learning Center is a supportive environment conduite to individualized student learning. The individualized learning components available through the Learning Center are tutoring, study halls, and self-paced study in the areas the student needs the most help.

**Learning Center Resources:**

In addition to a quiet place to study, the Learning Center provides useful resources that enhance lectures and workshops. BIR Training Center students become regular visitors to the Learning Center for:

- One-on-one & small group tutoring sessions led by dedicated, experienced tutors
- Study halls offer the chance to learn in small group settings tailored to the specific needs of the group
- The lending library offers learning materials, books, magazines, and the ESL newspaper: “News For You”

The Learning Center’s staff provides immediate feedback to students. Students learn at their own pace on the topics with which they need the most help.

Additional tutoring sessions are available through PLUS Services.

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2 + 2 + 1 = English Language Education to Suit Your Needs

- **2** Per Week Workshops/Streams
- **2** Per Week Lectures
- **1** Per Week Learning Center