From Beginning English to Academic & Professional Success

BIR Training Center’s English Language Programs offer students high quality English language instruction and affordable tuition. Our flexible programs are designed for students at all fluency levels, helping them to acquire the oral and written proficiency needed to succeed in academics, the workplace and everyday life.

The BIR Training Center Advantage:
- Flexible schedule allows students to begin classes seven times per year
- Expert instructors with advanced degrees in linguistics, education, and related fields
- Integrated learning approach combines lectures, workshops and tutoring
- Affordable tuition

Getting started is easy. Entering students receive a professional language assessment which is used to place them in the appropriate program and level of study.

English Language Programs:

English Language Introductory Program:
The perfect starting point for students who are either new to the English language or have some English skills. The Introductory Program includes foundations, beginning and intermediate levels. The curriculum builds the basis of English language skills in reading, speaking and listening, and writing.

The English Language Bridge Program:
This program includes Advanced and Academic Bridge levels. Students take steps to expand their personal knowledge by using English in academic and workplace contexts.

ENGLISH FLUENCY

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

Lectures – The Cornerstone of English Language Fluency:
Each seven week module includes two weekly lectures that intensively focus on one of the core English language skill areas: reading, speaking & listening or writing.

Workshops – The Fast Lane to Fluency
As part of the integrated learning methodology, BIR students select two workshops per week from a wide range of topics. Topics include vocabulary, grammar, cultural interests, Medical English, Business English, Hospitality, Journalism, American Workplace, Test Prep, and Computer Technology. Additionally, students can elect to take consecutive workshops on an English for Specific Purposes Topic, or Stream.

Steams offer students the opportunity to receive a certificate upon completion of 3 consecutive workshops.
Lectures – The Cornerstone of BIR’s Integrated Learning Approach

Students Enter Program Based on Results of an English Fluency Assessment

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<td>12 to 16 Months / 34 Credits</td>
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<td>1 - Beginner</td>
<td>For students with little to no English skills. Utilizing familiar topics like family and food, students learn grammar, sentence structure and how to ask questions in English.</td>
<td>ELP009, ELP010, ELP011, ELP012</td>
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<td>2 - Intermediate</td>
<td>For students with some English language skills. Students expand their fluency utilizing familiar cultural topics. Classes center on cultural contexts such as travel, school and money matters.</td>
<td>ELP020, ELP021, ELP022</td>
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<td>3 - Advanced</td>
<td>For students who have gained comfort using English. Students explore unfamiliar concepts (learn) using English. They learn to analyze and discuss ideas.</td>
<td>ELP030, ELP031, ELP032</td>
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<td>4 - Academic Bridge</td>
<td>For students who have strong English skills but need to advance them to English speaking workplace and university levels.</td>
<td>ELP040, ELP041, ELP042</td>
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Workshops & Streams: The Fast Lane to Fluency

Workshops: General Interest Electives that Accelerate Fluency

Students choose 2 workshops per week. Workshops are available at beginner, intermediate and advanced levels. Workshops are focused on general interests and are less formal than lectures. Our workshops offer students learning opportunities on topics of their choosing. Student interaction during Workshops helps them learn together in a collaborative setting.

Streams: Certificates that Enhance Your Career

Students can choose English for specific purpose workshop concentrations that offer certificates on the following topics:

Workshop topics include vocabulary, grammar cultural interests, Medical English, Business English, Hospitality, Journalism, American Workplace, Test Prep, and Computer Technology.

The Learning Center: Your Source for Individual Learning

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:

- Individual & small group tutoring sessions offered by dedicated, experienced tutors (7 sessions per mini term)
- Additional tutoring sessions are available for a fee through PLUS Services
- Study halls offer students opportunities to learn with their peers in small group settings tailored to their specific needs
- The lending library offers books, magazines, newspapers and other study materials