

# ENGLISH CLASSES AND OTHER RESOURCES FOR ENGLISH LEARNERS IN THE CAPITAL DISTRICT (NY)

ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages)

ESL (English as a Second Language)

\*Some classes may require registration in advance. Call for details.

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## **Classes: Albany area/Albany County**

### **- Albany: Adults**

Albany Public Library, Main branch, 161 Washington Avenue  
Sponsored by Literacy NY Greater Capital Region, (518) 452-3381,  
[www.literacynycap.org](http://www.literacynycap.org)

Christina Darling, Program Coordinator, (518) 631-2926  
ESOL, beginning, intermediate. Free.

### **- Albany: Adults**

Albany Public Library, Pine Hills branch, 517 Western Avenue  
Sponsored by Literacy NY Greater Capital Region, (518) 452-3381,  
[www.literacynycap.org](http://www.literacynycap.org) and Capital Region BOCES, (518) 862-4707,  
<http://www.capregboces.org/>

ESOL, intermediate, multi-level. Monday and Wednesday, 9 a.m.–12 noon. Must register for orientation session. Free.

### **- Albany: Adults**

Albany Public Library, Delaware Avenue branch, 331 Delaware Avenue  
Sponsored by Capital Region BOCES, (518) 862-4707,  
<http://www.capregboces.org/>

ESL intermediate: Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m.–noon. Must register; call BOCES.

ESOL: weekly drop-in class, “English Spoken Here,” Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m. Must register; call the Delaware branch, (518) 463-0254, extension 223.

Both free.

### **- Albany: Adults**

Capital Region BOCES Career & Technical School, Building A, 1015 Watervliet-Shaker Road

Sponsored by Capital Region BOCES, (518) 862-4707,  
<http://www.capregboces.org/>

ESOL, multi-level. Monday and Wednesday, 4:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m. Must register for orientation session. Free.

### **- Albany: Adults**

Albany Medical Center, 22 New Scotland Avenue  
Sponsored by Capital Region BOCES, (518) 862-4707,  
<http://www.capregboces.org/>

ESOL, multi-level. Tuesday through Thursday, 1 p.m.–4 p.m. Must register for orientation session. Free.

**- Albany: Adults**

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, 57 Hurlbut Street  
Sponsored by Capital Region BOCES, (518) 862-4707,  
<http://www.capregboces.org/>

ESOL, multi-level. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. Must register for orientation session. Free.

**- Albany: Adults**

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 475 State Street  
Sponsored by Capital Region BOCES, (518) 862-4707,  
<http://www.capregboces.org/>

ESOL, multi-level. Mondays and Wednesdays, 5 p.m.–8 p.m. Must register for orientation session. Free.

**- Albany: Adults**

Albany Literacy Zone, Trinity Alliance, Capital South Campus Center, 20 Warren Street

(518) 449-5155, <http://www.trinityalliancealbany.org/literacy-zone/>

Sponsored by Capital Region BOCES, (518) 862-4707,  
<http://www.capregboces.org/>

Shannon Cornwall, (518) 694-4533 or Maria Huntington, (518) 694-4567.

ESL classes ongoing. Tuesdays through Thursdays, 9 a.m.–12 noon. Must register for orientation session. Free.

**- Albany: Adults**

Trinity Alliance, 15 Trinity Place

Sponsored by Capital Region BOCES, (518) 862-4707,  
<http://www.capregboces.org/>

ESL classes ongoing. Mondays through Wednesdays, 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Must register for orientation session. Free.

**- Albany: Adults and children ages 5-13**

RISSE (Refugee and Immigrant Support Services of Emmaus), 240 West Lawrence Street

(518) 621-1041, (518) 567-4354, (518) 505-1737, <http://www.risse-albany.org>

Adults: ESL group instruction, September–June: Monday–Friday, 12 p.m.– 6 p.m.

July & August: Monday–Friday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Levels 1, 2, and 3. Must register for orientation session. Free.

Children ages 5–13: New York State Licensed ESL After-School program,  
September–June: 2:30 p.m.–6 p.m.

Call for appointment.

Children ages 5–13: New York State Licensed ESL Summer School Program,  
July & August, 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Call for appointment.

**- Albany: Adults**

USCRI (United States Committee for Refugees and Immigrants), 991 Broadway, Suite 223

Martha Butler, Program Coordinator, Office for New Americans, (518) 459-1790, extension 8008, [www.RefugeesAlbany.org](http://www.RefugeesAlbany.org)

Beginner classes.

2018 registration periods:

December 18, 2017–January 12, 2018, for classes starting January 8

March 19–April 13, for classes starting April 9

June 18–July 13, for classes starting July 9

September 17–October 12, for classes starting October 9

Classes meet Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday at two class times: 9:30 a.m.–

12:30 p.m., and 4 p.m.–7 p.m. Sessions last 11–12 weeks. Open to all

immigrants and refugees, but must be enrolled during registration periods.

Pre-test required; call for appointment. Free.

**- Albany: Children pre-Kindergarten–Grade 5 in Albany City School District**

Delaware Community School, 43 Bertha Street

(518) 475-6750,

<http://www.albanyschools.org/Academics/Dual-Language/DualLang.html>

Dual Language Program, Spanish-English only. Child must be registered in district.

**- Albany: Children grades 6–12, refugees and immigrants in Albany City School District**

Albany International Center, North Albany Academy, 570 North Pearl Street

(518) 475-6900,

<http://www.albanyschools.org/Academics/ENL-Refugee/AIC/AIC.html>

Rachel Stead, Principal, [rstead@albany.k12.ny.us](mailto:rstead@albany.k12.ny.us)

Lily Htoo, Home School Coordinator, [lhtoo@albany.k12.ny.us](mailto:lhtoo@albany.k12.ny.us)

Serves about 175 refugee and immigrant students from throughout the City

School District of Albany who are in the early stages of learning English and will benefit from targeted instruction and support in all subjects.

Students spend an average of two years in the program before returning to their middle school or Albany High School. Child must be registered in

district.

**- Albany: Adults and children**

Empire State English, 24 Aviation Road, Suite 100

(518) 729-5407, <http://esenglish.org>

English language programs for adults: Kim Andersen, President, Eileen Lee, Academic Director

English language programs for children: Elizabeth Suparmanto, Registrar

ESL and part-time classes. COST: see website

Sister program, Capital Region Language Center, offers English language instruction for children, <http://esenglish.org/other-programs/>

Troy location coming January 2018

**- Albany: Adults**

Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) of Hudson Valley Community College, 30 North Russell Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Albany

(518) 273-1900, <http://www.hvcc.edu/eoc/programs.html#ESL>

ESL, three levels. The ESL programs allow students with limited English proficiency the opportunity to master speaking, listening, reading and writing skills in English.

Apply online: [www.hvcc.edu/eoc](http://www.hvcc.edu/eoc)

Must complete assessment. Free to qualified applicants.

ALSO LOCATED IN TROY at 431 River Street.

**- Albany: Adults**

Masjid As-Salam, 276 Central Avenue

(518) 463-6275, <http://www.masjidassalam.org>

English class, Saturday, 10 a.m.–12 noon

Classes held at 280 Central Avenue. Call first. Free.

**- Guilderland: Adults**

Guilderland Public Library, 2228 Western Avenue

Sponsored by Literacy NY Greater Capital Region, (518) 452-3381,

[www.literacynycap.org](http://www.literacynycap.org)

ESOL, advanced. Free.

**- Latham: Adults**

Al-Hidaya Center, 322 Troy Schenectady Road

(518) 608-1255, <http://al-hidaya.org>

English class, Monday–Friday, 5:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m. Call first. Free.

**- Latham: Adults**

Calvary United Methodist Church, 15 Ridge Place

(518) 785-5142, <http://www.calvaryumclatham.org>

English tutoring program for all educational levels and backgrounds, either small groups or individuals. Open to students of all faiths.

Call to register: Rita Pickett, (518) 786-1858, or [vrlenprita@aol.com](mailto:vrlenprita@aol.com) Free.

**- Watervliet: Adults**

Watervliet Library, 1501 Broadway, #1

Sponsored by Capital Region BOCES, (518) 862-4707,

<http://www.capregboces.org/>

ESOL, multi-level. Tuesday and Thursday, 12 noon–3 p.m. Must register for orientation session. Free.

**Classes: Troy area/Rensselaer County****- East Greenbush: Adults**

East Greenbush Community Library, 10 Community Way

Sponsored by Questar III, (518) 479-6838,

<https://www.questar.org/education/adult-education-and-workforce-development/literacy-programs/>

Adult ESOL classes and assessment: John Parker, John.Parker@questar.org  
 ESOL, mixed levels, Monday and Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.  
 Requires assessment beforehand, with \$35 fee, can be waived, otherwise free.

**- Troy: Adults**

Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) of Hudson Valley Community College,  
 431 River Street

(518) 273-1900, <http://www.hvcc.edu/eoc/programs.html#ESL>

ESL, three levels. The ESL programs allow students with limited English proficiency the opportunity to master speaking, listening, reading and writing skills in English.

Apply online: [www.hvcc.edu/eoc](http://www.hvcc.edu/eoc)

Must complete assessment. Free to qualified applicants.

ALSO LOCATED IN ALBANY: 30 North Russell Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

**- Troy: Adults**

Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County Inc., 65 First Street

(518) 244-4650, <http://www.lvorc.org/sample-page/programsservices/>

One-to-one and small group tutoring. 2 hours per week. Free.

To sign up: <http://www.lvorc.org/contact/>

**- Troy: Adults**

YWCA of the Greater Capital Region, Inc., 21 First Street

Sponsored by Questar III, (518) 479-6838,

<https://www.questar.org/education/adult-education-and-workforce-development/literacy-programs/>

Adult ESOL classes and assessment: John Parker, John.Parker@questar.org

ESOL, mixed levels, Monday and Wednesday, 5:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Requires assessment beforehand, with \$35 fee, can be waived, otherwise free.

**Classes: Schenectady area/Schenectady County**

**- Schenectady: Adults**

Schenectady Public Library, main branch, 99 Clinton Street

Sponsored by Literacy NY Greater Capital Region, (518) 452-3381,

[www.literacynycap.org](http://www.literacynycap.org)

Christine Katchmar, Program Coordinator, (518) 452-3382

ESL, intermediate tutoring. Free.

**- Schenectady: Adult**

Washington Irving Adult and Continuing Education Center, 422 Mumford Street

(518) 370-8220 or (518) 370-8230,

[http://wiec.schenectady.k12.ny.us/adult\\_education/classes/english\\_as\\_a\\_second\\_language](http://wiec.schenectady.k12.ny.us/adult_education/classes/english_as_a_second_language)

ESL: Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Must register. Free

- **Schenectady:** Adults

Phyllis Bornt Branch Library and Literacy Center (ESL), 948 State Street  
Sponsored by Washington Irving Adult and Continuing Education Center  
(518) 370-8220 or (518) 370-8230

[http://wiec.schenectady.k12.ny.us/adult\\_education/classes/english\\_as\\_a\\_second\\_language](http://wiec.schenectady.k12.ny.us/adult_education/classes/english_as_a_second_language)

ESL: Monday and Wednesday, 5–8 p.m. Free

**Courses for College-Age Students**

- Intensive English Language Program, University at Albany  
Center for International Education and Global Strategy  
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The Intensive English Language Program (IELP) is designed for international students who want to improve their English language skills. After successfully completing the IELP, many students enter one of UAlbany's degree programs.

(518) 591-8172, e-mail: [IELP@albany.edu](mailto:IELP@albany.edu), <http://www.albany.edu/ielp/>

COST: see website, [http://www.albany.edu/ielp/About\\_the\\_Program.php](http://www.albany.edu/ielp/About_the_Program.php)

Classes offered in 8-week sessions. Five 8-week sessions are offered throughout the year. Students take a placement test and enroll in the number of sessions necessary to achieve their desired English language level. Seven levels of English proficiency are offered, from basic to university-ready advanced. 8-week sessions are offered 5 times per year in Fall, Spring, and Summer. Apply at least one month before the start of a new session.

The IELP also offers 4-week sessions throughout the year, with shorter courses. 4-week sessions are offered 10 times per year in Fall, Spring, and Summer. Apply at least one month before the start of a new session.

Full-time students study 20 hours per week. Part-time students can choose to study 4–16 hours per week.

- English as a Second Language (ESL) and ESL Advisement, Hudson Valley Community College (Troy)

<http://www.hvcc.edu/departments/las/efl/esl.html>

HVCC is one of only a few accredited schools of higher education to offer credit-bearing English composition classes to non-native speakers. In addition, the school provides classes for those who need basic communication skills, as well as for those who are interested in perfecting their English.

Contact the English as a Second Language Advisement Office:

Advisor: Noah Kucij, e-mail: [n.kucij@hvcc.edu](mailto:n.kucij@hvcc.edu), (518) 629-7393

Fridays, 11 a.m.–noon and by appointment

COST: see website, <http://www.hvcc.edu/catalog/tuition/index.html>

International students application:

[http://www.hvcc.edu/admissions/forms/admintl\\_app.pdf](http://www.hvcc.edu/admissions/forms/admintl_app.pdf)

## Websites, Videos, and Home Study Resources

### Websites (for Adults)

USA Learns: <https://www.usalearns.org>

Dave's ESL Café: <http://forums.eslcafe.com/student/viewforum.php?f=22>

English Club: <https://www.englishclub.com/learn-english.htm>

Many Things: <http://www.manythings.org>

Learn English Today: <http://www.learn-english-today.com>

English Page: <https://www.englishpage.com>

Lots of English: <https://lotsofenglish.com>

LINCS Learner Center: <https://learner.lincs.ed.gov/resources/english>

Voice of America English News: <https://learningenglish.voanews.com>

Randall's ESL Cyber Listening Lab: <http://www.esl-lab.com>

Sounds of English: <https://www.soundsofenglish.org>

ESLGold: <http://eslgold.com>

ESL Lounge: <http://www.esl-lounge.com>

One Stop English (for beginners): <http://www.onestopenglish.com/esol/absolute-beginners/>

English Language Civics for ESL Students : <http://elcivics.com/worksheets/esl-worksheets.html>

### Websites (for children)

Student Guide: <http://www.studentguide.org/the-50-best-esl-resources-for-kids/>

### Videos

Fast Forward, <http://www.fastforwardny.org/xrdoc/>

We Are New York: <http://www.nyc.gov/html/weareny/html/episodes/episodes.shtml>

A selection of YouTube videos on learning English:

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=youtube+lessons+in+english&qpv=youtube+e+lessons+in+English&FORM=VDRE>

A selection of YouTube videos on basic English conversation for beginners:

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=Basic+English+Conversation+for+Beginners&FORM=RESTAB>

### Home Study

- Schenectady: Washington Irving Adult and Continuing Education Center, 422 Mumford Street

(518) 370-8220 or (518) 370-8230,

[http://wiec.schenectady.k12.ny.us/adult\\_education/classes/english\\_as\\_a\\_second\\_language](http://wiec.schenectady.k12.ny.us/adult_education/classes/english_as_a_second_language)

ESL Study at Home program, Monday, 12:30 p.m.– 2:30 p.m. Must register. Free.

- Schenectady: Steinmetz Home Family Investment Center, 120 Emmons Street (518) 370-8220

<http://schenectadywiec.ss12.sharpschool.com/cms/One.aspx?portalId=415201&pageId=793954>

ESL Study at Home program, Thursday, 12:30 p.m.–2:30 p.m. Must register. Free.



- Through Capital Region BOCES: The English as a New Language (ENL) Home Study program provides an excellent opportunity for non-native English speakers to gain a better understanding of our language and culture. The program, which concentrates on reading comprehension and writing skills, is beneficial for students who have progressed beyond basic levels of ENL. Individualized packets of instruction are delivered to the library nearest to a student's home every two weeks, for him or her to pick up and complete. The program is free for students age 21 and older.

For information and to register, call (518) 862-4707

Application required first:

<http://www.capitalregionboces.org/CareerTech/AdultEd/PDFs/Application%20EEPfor2017.1.pdf>

- Oxford Picture Dictionary and its related workbooks:  
*Oxford Picture Dictionary Third Edition: Monolingual Dictionary, Reprint Edition* by Jayme Adelson-Goldstein and Norma Shapiro

You can buy this online at Amazon.com or order it through a bookstore. Additional workbooks, for people at varied levels of learning English:

*Oxford Picture Dictionary Third Edition: Low-Beginning Workbook, Workbook Edition* by Jane Spigarelli

*Oxford Picture Dictionary Third Edition: Low-Intermediate Workbook, Workbook Edition* by Marjorie Fuchs and Margaret Bonner

*Oxford Picture Dictionary Third Edition: High-Beginning Workbook, Workbook Edition* by Marjorie Fuchs