COURSE DATES AND DESCRIPTIONS

Register by: January 6, 2021

QUESTIONS?
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Virtual appointment requests:
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Registration form
Online registration
Online Beyond Basic ESL Spring 2021 Course Schedule

Courses locations with an * – Although the courses are offered online, you will need to be available at the times listed in the schedule, so you can participate in the online virtual class meetings. Please, consider your time zone. All times listed are U.S. Eastern times.

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Online Registration

Visit the BBESL web page (https://www.durhamtech.edu/continuing-education/beyond-basic-esl-bbesl) and follow the instructions on the website.

Important:

- Payment is due at the time of registration. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Classes fill quickly.
- Please read the Course Cancellations and Refund Policy (https://www.durhamtech.edu/continuing-education/cancellations-and-refunds). Refunds are not automatic for course withdrawals.
- Students may purchase textbooks through an online resource or through a local bookstore.
Important Information About Spring 2021 Online Courses

For the safety of our instructors and students, all BBESL courses will be offered online for Spring 2021. To make sure that we provide an interactive and educational learning environment, our instructors will use the following tools in their online courses:

- All courses are offered online using Sakai, our learning management software
- Optional online check-ins OR mandatory real-time (live) meetings (check course details)
- Interactive discussion forums
- Videos and recorded materials
- Opportunity to chat/interact with your instructor and classmates in real-time
- Online group work
- Listening and speaking activities
- Projects, assignments, and presentations

Technology requirement: you will need a computer/laptop and reliable internet access to take our online courses. We use Sakai, a learning platform, where the online courses will take place. Once the course starts, you will be able to access your course on Sakai. You will be able to communicate with your teacher through the learning platform or through email.
Spring 2021 Course Descriptions
Main Campus, Durham

**Reading and Writing for AP-Level B**  
50 hrs/$130

This INTERMEDIATE level content-based course will focus on developing READING and WRITING English skills necessary to succeed in academic settings. Assignments will emphasize critical thinking and integrative skills development through reading and writing activities using high-interest materials. Students will learn to recognize common structures of reading materials and learn the foundation of academic writing. The course utilizes a content-based language teaching approach, which means students will use English to communicate knowledge and ideas about a variety of academic content topics like anthropology, art, biology, business, ecology, economics, history, literature, psychology, and sociology. Students are expected to complete all homework assignments on time. The course is designed for intermediate level students.

**Required Textbook:** *Pathways 3 Reading, Writing, and Critical Thinking* by Mari Vargo and Laurie Blass, National Geographic Learning, 2nd edition, ISBN 978-1-337-40779. Units 6-10 will be covered in Spring 2021

Textbook is required for attending the course. Textbook may not be available for purchase outside of the United States.

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Section #73686  Internet-Online1/11-4/10

**Listening and Speaking for AP-Level C**  
50 hrs/$130

This ADVANCED level content-based course will focus on developing LISTENING and SPEAKING English skills necessary to succeed in academic settings. Assignments will emphasize critical thinking and integrative skills development through listening and speaking activities using high-interest content materials. Listening and speaking strategies and practice activities will be centered on authentic recordings from "person on the street" interviews, social conversations, radio programs and university lectures. Students will listen to audio and view video recordings, acquire information about an academic content topic, take notes, participate and lead small group discussions and learn how to organize ideas and deliver presentations. The course will address common pronunciation challenges in U.S. English but does not focus on pronunciation. The course utilizes a content-based language teaching approach, which means students will use English to communicate knowledge and ideas about a variety of academic content topics like anthropology, art, biology, business, ecology, economics, history, literature, psychology and sociology. Students are expected to complete all homework assignments on time. The course is designed for ADVANCED level students.


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platform or through email. This course will include mandatory real-time (live) online meeting times with your instructor and classmates. Make sure you are available at the times listed in the schedule. Consider your time zone. All times listed are U.S. Eastern times.

**Real-time (live) online meeting time:** Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 – 11 a.m.

**Section #73689**  
**Internet- Online**  
**TOEFL**

If you need to improve your reading/writing and listening/speaking scores for the TOEFL iBT exam, this is your chance. The TOEFL Internet Based Test (iBT) preparation class is an intensive English skills development course, which focuses on teaching standardized test taking strategies for the TOEFL iBT while strengthening the main skills of English learning: reading, listening, speaking and writing. Though the intent and focus of the course is specifically aimed at enhancing TOEFL students’ iBT scores, the material covered in class will fine-tune any student’s English communication for use in academic and professional settings.


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**Real-time (live) online meeting time:** Saturdays 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

**Section #73691**  
**Internet- Online**  
**Accent Reduction for Internationals**

This comprehensive course will help you learn to speak U.S. English clearly and accurately, which will have a significant impact on successful communication at work from informal conversations with coworkers to formal presentations. All aspects of pronunciation are covered, including production and discrimination of consonants and vowels as well as other important aspects of English pronunciation such as stress, rhythm and intonation. Students are encouraged to set individualized goals for focused study throughout the semester.

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This course will include mandatory real-time (live) online meeting times with your instructor and classmates. Make sure you are available at the times listed in the schedule. Consider your time zone. All times listed are U.S. Eastern times.

**Real-time (live) online meeting time:** Thursdays 5 – 7 p.m.
Section #73690 Internet- Online 1/11-4/10

English for the Medical Professional 50 hrs/$130

This course is designed for high-intermediate and advanced level non-native English speakers in medical professions who want to improve their professional communication skills. The course aims to develop the reading, writing, listening and speaking skills that students need to communicate confidently in English in a medical context.

Section #73692 Internet- Online 1/11-4/10

Advanced Academic Vocabulary 50 hrs/$130

If your goal is to read academic texts and to write academic essays and papers, this advanced-level course is what you need. Learning the most frequently used academic words in English will not only improve your ability to understand textbooks and university-level lectures, but it will also help you achieve higher scores on tests like TOEFL iBT, IELTS, SAT, GMAT, or GRE. Through repeated exposure and by using vocabulary learning strategies, you will be exposed to materials containing the most frequently used English academic words.

Real-time (live) online meeting time: Tuesdays 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Section #72746 Internet- Online 1/11-4/10

Business English I 50 hrs/$130

Business English Part I is the first of two courses intended for students with an intermediate/high-intermediate level of academic English language proficiency. This integrated skills content-based language course aims to help students in or preparing for work who need to improve their communicative ability when socializing, telephoning, presenting, taking part in meetings and negotiating. Various aspects of business English will be covered, including (but not limited to) statistical graphs, measurements, social language, meetings and presentations. Also, in the course, there is an introduction to business letters – enquiries, ordering, confirmations, and other business-related communication strategies.

Section #72748 Internet- Online 1/11-4/10

English Grammar B 50 hrs/$130

This INTERMEDIATE/HIGH-INTERMEDIATE course aims to engage students and help them understand, practice, and use English grammar with a student-centered approach. The course combines comprehensive grammar coverage with plenty of communicative activities, critical thinking skills, and ongoing assessment. Students will be completing meaningful projects, participating in debates and role-plays, learning to self-assess/edit, and learning to communicate more confidently, accurately and fluently.

Spring 2021 Level B targeted grammar points: The English tense system (present, past, future, perfect tenses), modals and similar expressions, adjectives and adverbs, nouns, quantifiers and article, gerunds and infinitives and pronouns/phrasal verbs.

Real-time (live) online meeting time: Mondays 6 – 8 p.m.

Section #72750 Internet- Online 1/11-4/10