

ESL Program



Embry Hills ESL Program

The ESL Program at Embry Hills UMC provides free lessons to adults who wish to improve their conversation skills. The program is staffed by volunteer teachers who work with small groups of students on developing English skills needed for everyday life.

English as a Second Language (ESL) Program

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What we offer

Our ESL Program offers free, small classes. The classes are to prepare students to become more skillful in speaking and understanding English in real-world settings. Classes meet for an hour and a half on Monday nights or on Thursday mornings. Most teachers have taught in our program for several years and nearly all have received special training in ESL instruction.

We offer classes at three levels—beginning, intermediate, and conversational. The materials we use (Side-By-Side) are widely used by ESL programs across the country.

For the Monday night classes we offer childcare for young children. We will get information about your need for child care at registration.

Event Schedule

Schedule

For the Spring 2008 session, the schedule is as follows:

Registration	February 25
Classes begin	Week of March 3
No classes	Week of April 7
Classes end	early June

Class meeting times

Monday evenings	7:00-8:30
Thursday Mornings	9:30-11:00

Registration

At registration we collect information about the background of each student and how to contact them, and information about their English skill level.

Classes

Classes usually have several parts: A time to talk about the previous week, including any questions or problems with English and reviewing the homework; some time to learn and practice new words and skills; and a time to enjoy using English.

Recognition

We hold a celebration at the end of our program. Students who attend at least 75% percent of the classes receive a certificate of completion. Students will also be recognized for other achievements.

How to learn English

Coming to Class each Week

Our ESL classes are small and will offer an excellent opportunity to learn to speak English. Students who make the most progress are those who attend each class.

Doing homework

Each week there will be homework assigned. This work is designed to provide practice and review of the skills presented in class.

Practice English Each Day

It takes much practice to learn a new language. Speaking to a neighbor, to clerks in a store, or family members who speak English are important ways to improve. We recommend at least 5 minutes for beginners and 15 minutes for more advanced students each day.

Watching English Language Programs on Television

Spending 30 minutes each day watching television programs in English provides additional practice. For beginning students, programs for young people on public television offer slower, clearer speech, and less complicated sentences. It is helpful to write down unknown words and phrases can be explained by the ESL teacher.

Asking Questions

Students who ask questions of teachers and other English speakers will improve more quickly than those who don't.