



College of Staten Island
The City University of New York

English as a Second Language (ESL) Programs



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The College of Staten Island (CSI/CUNY) offers nationally recognized English as a Second Language (ESL) programs for students who have been admitted to CSI/CUNY, and for adults who have not been admitted to CSI/CUNY and need to improve their English language skills.

This guide was created to assist all members of our campus community with making an informed decision about the ESL program that is best for them at CSI/CUNY.

Pages 1 -3 list the purpose and contact information of CSI's ESL programs for students admitted to CUNY. Pages 4-5 organize important information for students admitted to CUNY, to aid their decision-making:

- 1 Immersion in the Office of Academic Support
- 2 CLIP in the Office of Community Educational Engagement (OCEE)
- 3 The English Department
- 4 Grid that organizes important information on all ESL programs for students admitted to CSI/CUNY

Students admitted to CSI/CUNY have up to two academic years to meet CUNY's proficiency standards in college-level English language reading and writing, through developmental classes and or pre-college programs.

Pages 6-7 list the purpose and contact information of CSI's ESL programs for adults **not** admitted to CUNY. Pages 8-9 organize important information for adults **not** admitted to CUNY, to aid their decision-making:

- 6 Adult Literacy & Language Program (ALLP)
- 7 English Language Institute (ELI)
- 8 Grid that organizes important information on all ESL programs for students **not** admitted to CSI/CUNY

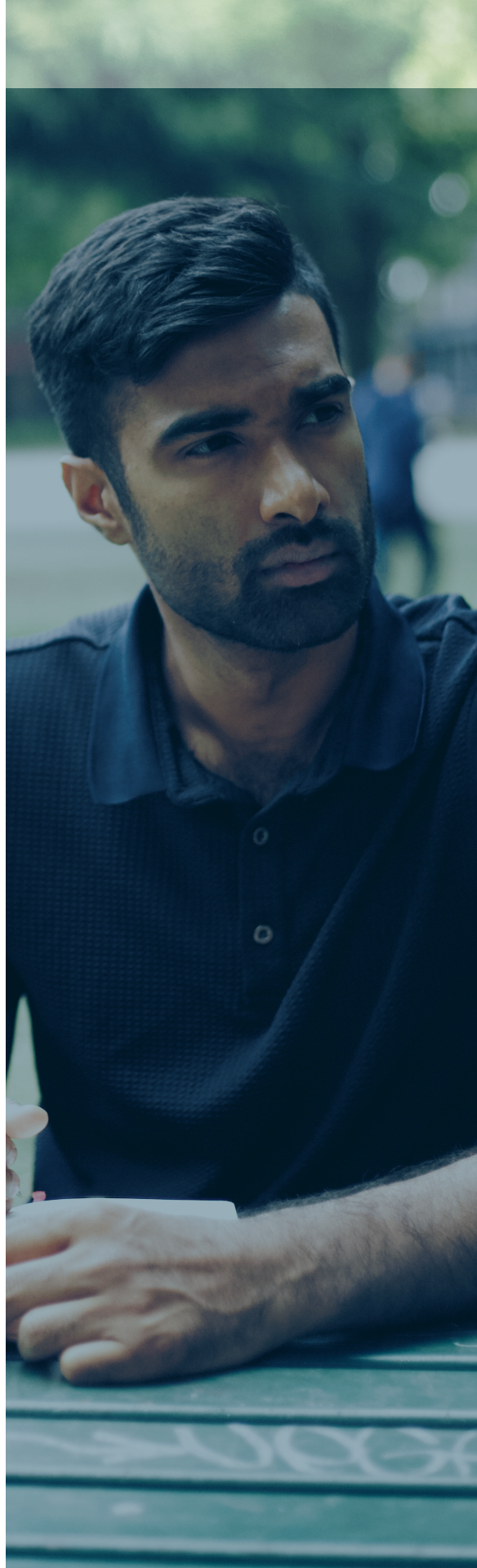
Please note: ESL programs listed in this guide are subject to closure if enrollment is low.

Immersion

Immersion is designed for students who have been admitted to CSI. This program offers free intensive instruction in English (reading and writing) during the summer and winter intersessions. Immersion also offers in- and out-of-class tutoring and counseling for college readiness.



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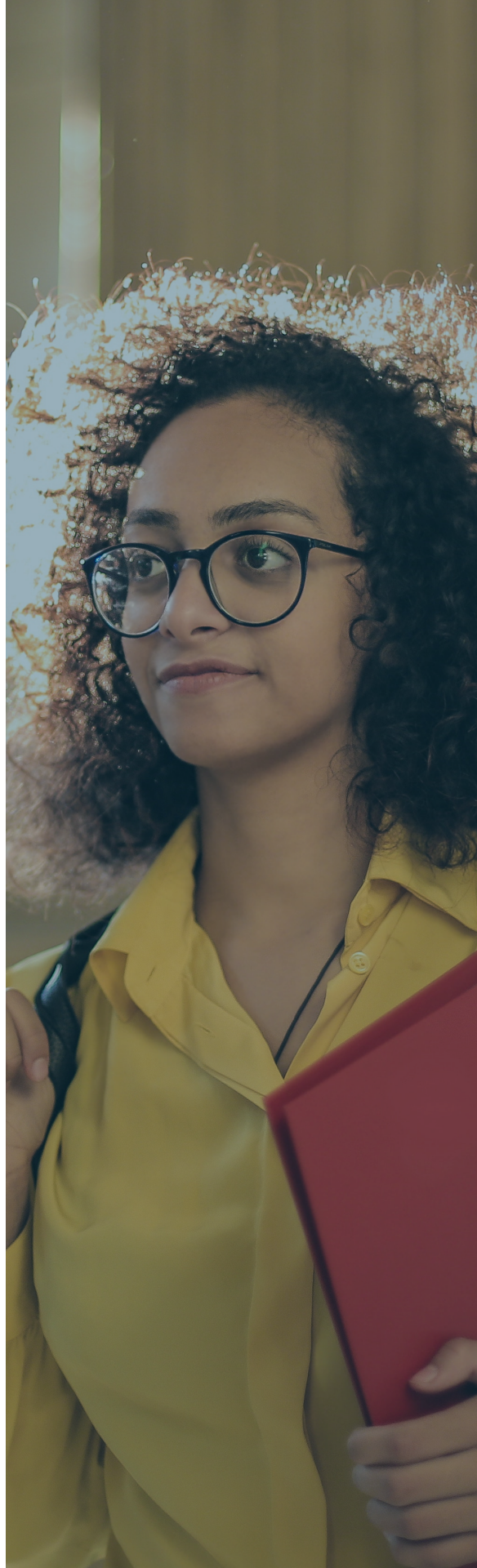


CUNY Language Immersion Program (CLIP)

The CUNY Language Immersion Program (CLIP) is a low-cost intensive ESL program for incoming CUNY students who have been accepted to CUNY but need to improve their academic English skills before taking credit-bearing courses. Students do not use their financial aid. CLIP also offers college and career readiness skills development, individualized advisement, and tutoring.

Over 60% of CLIP CSI students who completed the program in 2017-18 achieved a 3.0 GPA or higher their 1st year of college.

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English Department

The English Department is one of the largest and most diverse departments at the College, and also houses the Writing Program, the Writing Center, the Speech Laboratory, and ESL developmental classes.



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ESL Programs:

Admission to CSI/CUNY is Required

Upon acceptance to CSI/CUNY, freshmen and transfer students are required to take the ESL Accuplacer. CSI's Testing Office will reach out to all qualifying students to schedule a time to take the ESL Accuplacer. Students should periodically check their emails and SPAM folders. After students complete the test their scores will be listed in their CUNYfirst account. Students who score over a 105 are automatically placed in ENG 111, and are considered proficient. Students who have taken the ESLD test within the last 2 years can opt out of taking the ESL Accuplacer.

- * Available to new and continuing students who meet eligibility requirements
- + Students with F1 visas or other temporary visas are not eligible. All other documented and undocumented students are eligible.
- ^ Cost determined by income-based sliding scale

		ESL Programs	Student Profile
		ESL Accuplacer Placement Indicator	87-104
Immersion*	Intersession instruction recommended before ENG 111-EL. Students with F1 Visas or other temporary visas are eligible		
73-86	CLIP C: High-level*+		1 semester of additional instruction recommended before ENG 111-EL. Students who do not pass ENG 37 can be referred to CLIP or Immersion.
	ENG 37: High-level*		
60-72	CLIP B: Intermediate-level*+		Two semesters of additional instruction recommended OR 1 semester of additional instruction plus Immersion recommended before ENG 111-EL. Students who do not pass ENG 8 can be referred to CLIP.
	ENG 8: Intermediate-level*		
59 & below	CLIP A: Beginner-level*+		Three semesters of additional instruction recommended before ENG 111
	ENG 7: Beginner-level*		



Department	Included in CUNY Tuition & Financial Aid Credits Apply	Schedule
English Department	Yes	Fall & Spring: 6 hours per week (16 weeks)
Office of Academic Support	No - FREE	Summer & Winter: 13-17 hours per week (3-4 weeks)
OCEE	No Fall & Spring: \$45-\$450 Summer: \$18-\$180 [^]	Fall, Spring, & Summer: 25 hours per week (Fall & Spring: 16 weeks) (Summer: 6 weeks)
English Department	Yes	Fall & Spring: 4 hours per week (16 weeks)
OCEE	No Fall & Spring: \$45-\$450 Summer: \$18-\$180 [^]	Fall, Spring, & Summer: 25 hours per week (Fall & Spring: 16 weeks) (Summer: 6 weeks)
English Department	Yes	Fall & Spring: 4 hours per week (16 weeks)
OCEE	No Fall & Spring: \$45-\$450 [^]	Fall & Spring: 25 hours per week (16 weeks)

Adult Literacy & Language Program (ALLP)

The Adult Literacy & Language Program (ALLP) offers beginner, intermediate, and advanced ESL classes with college and career readiness training and advisement.

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Engagement (OCEE)
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English Language Institute (ELI)

The English Language Institute (ELI) offers courses such as reading and writing, grammar, conversation, and TOEFL test preparation workshops with a final TOEFL ITP test, which lets students apply for any CUNY school degree.



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ESL Programs:

Admission to CSI/CUNY is NOT Required

	Student Profile	Department
Adult Literacy & Language Program (ALLP)	Adults over the age of 18, all levels. Documented and undocumented students are eligible.	Office of Community Educational Engagement (OCEE)
English Language Institute (ELI)	Adults who are student visa holders (F-1) qualifying international students, and for qualifying U.S. residents/citizens.	Center for Global Engagement



Tuition

Free

Semester tuition fee: \$3,400
Summer tuition fee: \$1,600
Online semester tuition fee: \$2,880
Online summer tuition fee: \$1,080

Schedule

Spring and Fall

9 hours of class per week
(14 weeks)

9:00am - 12:00pm or
6:30pm - 9:30pm

Spring and Fall

18 hours of class per week
(16 weeks)

9:00am to 2:30pm

Summer

22 hours of class per week
(6 weeks)



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