

“During the English Conversation Hour, it was actually fun to talk about nonacademic issues with nice and patient people. I think talking with native speakers about everyday issues is really useful. But also talking with other international students with really different accents is also really useful.”

Harris Public Policy student (Chile)

“My writing and my speaking are much more fluent. It was absolutely necessary for my research purposes.”

Fulbright Visiting Scholar in Germanic Studies (Brazil)

“The writing course in ELI is amazingly productive and is one of the most excellent courses I have ever taken at UChicago. The ELI prepares us to write all kinds of English, from an ordinary email to a dissertation.”

Law School student (Japan)

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8  
students in  
the average  
class

96%  
of students in ELI courses and  
individualized instruction rated  
their instructors as excellent

12  
UChicago schools  
and divisions  
served by ELI

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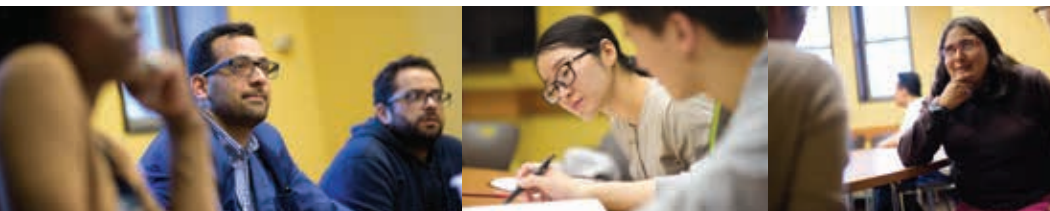
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# THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

Build confidence and competence at every level



**The English Language Institute (ELI)** empowers University of Chicago students and scholars who speak English as an additional language to bring their proficiency and confidence to new levels. With rigorous, proven programming that is tailored to meet UChicago's high-level academic requirements, the ELI's expert instructors introduce cutting-edge pedagogical techniques. Students learn to improve their English in academic and professional contexts as well as informal settings. At the ELI, students experience Chicago as a classroom as they learn with—and from—new international peers from across the University.



**Small class size enables instructors to provide individualized attention.**

## Learn effectively and flexibly

**The ELI's unique programming benefits students at all skill levels.**

Sharpen your pronunciation, spontaneous speaking, and writing skills in one of the ELI's academic year courses. Gain an additional edge through individualized instruction with a curriculum designed just for you. Immerse yourself in the unique linguistic and cultural experiences of our Academic English Pre-Matriculation Program before you start your academic degree program at UChicago in Autumn Quarter. Improve your listening comprehension skills by interacting with English speakers from a range of backgrounds in our weekly Conversation Hour. However you choose to engage, you will gain valuable skills and experiences from the ELI.

## Engage with experienced teachers

**Learn from expert instructors who have a passion for language and teaching.**

Our pedagogy specialists and instructors have decades of experience teaching English across the globe with diverse populations in corporate and academic settings. Their deep knowledge of world languages and the ELI's small class sizes allow instructors to provide immediate, individualized feedback to improve your approach to speaking and writing English.

Through in-class discussion and activities, personal and group assignments, and structured trips to explore the city, you will build confidence and comfort with the English language and North American cultures as you gain experience speaking with welcoming peers and instructors in new, engaging settings.

"My ELI instructor knew a lot about other languages and cultures. When we made a mistake, he knew why we were making it because of grammar or pronunciation in our native languages. I had been in the US for two years, and I had been trying to imitate how native speakers sounded. My instructor taught me that it isn't only about sounding American, it's about having people understand you better. If you are an academic, this class will help you as much as your math classes. You can be a genius, but people need to be able to understand what you write and say."



**Cem Randa**  
Chicago Booth  
PhD candidate  
(Turkey)



"The content of the courses here is great. What's more, the instructors are very kind, and the class size of ELI is very small, at most 10 students in the class. I can relax and ask whatever I want. I've enjoyed the courses very much."



**Yuki Riho**  
Harris Public Policy  
MPP student  
(Japan)

## Expand your skills with diverse programming

**The English Language Institute offers programming throughout the calendar year with a range of experiences and commitment levels.**

**English Proficiency Assessments** are conversational interviews that are structured to evaluate your English language and intercultural proficiency. We provide detailed feedback on your pronunciation, grammar, listening comprehension, linguistic pragmatics, and intercultural communication skills.

**Academic Year Courses** are noncredit, eight-week courses that tackle such topics as pronunciation and fluency building, spontaneous speaking for fast-paced academic and nonacademic contexts, North American academic writing, and linguistic and intercultural communication strategies for teaching.

**Individualized Instruction** provides one-on-one training with a language pedagogy specialist to build skills in discipline-specific English, academic writing, English for career professionalization, conversation and culture for academic and professional contexts, and more.

An **English Conversation Hour** is offered weekly during the academic year for all proficiency levels to discuss new and interesting topics, learn about North American cultures, and network with students and scholars from across the University as you build English proficiency and communication skills.

The **Academic English Pre-Matriculation Program (AEPP)** is the ELI's signature program, allowing incoming international students to expand their North American English skills as they explore their new city of Chicago. In this rewarding, intensive course that takes place in the summer before the start of Autumn Quarter, you will build proficiency with linguistic, cultural, and academic objectives as you engage with native and non-native English speakers throughout the city. As an AEPP student, you will:

- Build spontaneous speaking skills and refine your knowledge of linguistic pragmatics
- Improve pronunciation and intonation while retaining your own unique voice
- Engage deeply with the people and places of Chicago, including the varieties of English spoken here
- Refine North American writing conventions and strategies
- Network with students and professionals from different countries and areas of expertise

