

# ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES

**ESOL PROGRAM**

**A SERVICE OF QUEENS  
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A smiling woman with dark hair, wearing a light-colored blouse, is holding a black sign with a wooden frame. The sign has the text "Do you speak English?" written on it in white, sans-serif font. The background is a blurred indoor setting, likely a library or community center.

Do you speak  
English ?

**SERVICES, RESOURCES, AND LIFE-LONG LEARNING  
OPPORTUNITIES FOR QUEENS COMMUNITIES**

# ESOL PROGRAMS ARE FOR ADULTS

age 17 and older



## **ESOL Program**

### **English for Speakers of Other Languages**

Queens Library's New Americans Program offers **free** English classes for the immigrant population of Queens to help speakers of other languages improve their English-language skills, achieve fluency and self-sufficiency, and become integrated into American society.

Queens Library's ESOL Program serves nearly 3,000 students every year. The students represent more than 80 countries and speak over 50 different languages.

ESOL classes are offered during the spring semester (February-May) and the fall semester (September-December) for approximately 13 weeks. Classes are offered at different times to suit different schedules: mornings, afternoons, evenings, and weekends. Registration is first come, first served.

#### **For More Information**

Call the ESOL office at  
**718.480.4300** or visit us at  
**[queenslibrary.org/esol](http://queenslibrary.org/esol)**

#### **Quick Fact**

Over 25 percent of Queens residents say they speak English less than "very well"—the highest percentage of residents in any borough in New York City.

## ESOL Curriculum

The ESOL curriculum is aligned with the Common Core Standards (CCS) and emphasizes college and career readiness skills. The curriculum has been designed to teach vocabulary and grammar through lessons about everyday situations, such as going to the doctor, shopping at the supermarket, or renting an apartment. Civics lessons are also an integral part of our curriculum. All ESOL classes are taught by experienced professional teachers and are limited to 25-30 students per class.

### The following class levels are available:

**Beginner:** Appropriate for individuals who understand only very simple phrases and can read and write only a few words in English.

**Intermediate:** Appropriate for individuals who can already understand simple phrases and are able to express basic survival needs, but are not yet fluent.

**Advanced:** Appropriate for individuals who can converse, and have mastered basic grammar. The course focuses on conversation skills as well as reading and writing.

*(Not offered every semester)*



### Small Conversation

**Groups:** Appropriate for individuals who wish to keep their English-language skills sharp through basic conversation. These classes are taught by dedicated and trained Queens Library volunteers using a thematic approach.



## About the New Americans Program

Queens Library's New Americans Program (NAP) serves residents of Queens whose primary language is not English. NAP provides ESOL classes, cultural arts programs, coping-skills workshops, international language collections, and other informational services. NAP works with Queens Library's Adult Learner Program, Job & Business Academy, and community libraries to assess local needs and link residents to existing system-wide library and social services to enhance civic engagement.

Free Services offered by the New Americans Program include:

- **Citizenship Preparation**
- **New Americans Corners**
- **Coping Skills Workshops**
- **Cultural Arts Programs**
- **International Language Collections**

### Quick Fact

**Queens is the most ethnically diverse county in the United States. More than 50 percent of Queens residents speak a language other than English at home.**

## Adult Learning Centers

Queens Library also has seven Adult Learning Centers with full-time professional staff and volunteers who provide the following services: Adult Basic Education (ABE) classes, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes, High School Equivalency (HSE) classes, technology classes, and case-management services.



## Queens Library Adult Learning Center Locations

### Central Library

89-11 Merrick Boulevard  
Jamaica  
718.480.4222

### Long Island City

37-44 21 Street  
718.752.3723

### Elmhurst

86-07 Broadway, Lower Level  
718.271.1020, Ext. 3

### Peninsula

92-25 Rockaway Beach Boulevard  
Rockaway Beach  
718.954.7058

### Flushing

41-17 Main Street  
718.661.1241

### Rochdale Village

169-09 137 Avenue  
Jamaica  
718.723.7662

### Jackson Heights

35-51 81 Street  
718.899.2500







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