

### The English Language Institute at the College of Staten Island, New York

# New York City is the place to be. The College of Staten Island (CSI) is the place to study. Don't just learn the language, experience it!

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**The English Language Institute at the College of Staten Island** provides high-quality intensive English instruction for international students and professionals:

- Operating for more than 25 years to educate students from around the world for academic life in the U.S., and to use in pursuing careers at home
- Facilitate admission into the **College of Staten Island** for current English Language Institute students (undergraduate and graduate admissions)
- Part of the College of Staten Island with access to all university facilities such as:
  - o State of the art fitness and recreation center (swimming pool, tennis and basketball courts)
  - o Library / Internet Access
- Proximity to Manhattan: 20-minute ferry ride
- Field trips: Museums, theater and the arts, sports, businesses
- Cultural activities that take students out of the classroom and into the community
- Large, spacious 204-acre campus
- 20 hours per week of instruction which includes
  - o Reading and Writing
  - o Grammar
  - o Communications / Self Expression
  - oWorkshops:

- TOEFL
- Speech and Oral Presentation
- CAT-W Test Preparation for College Admissions
- Persuasive Argument
- Pronunciation
- Diction
- Advanced Writing and Library Tutorials
- Creative Writing

o Lectures / Films: World on Wednesday Series

- Culture Day activities, featuring oral presentations, food, traditional clothing, crafts, music and dance
- International Coffee Hour
- Average class size: 10-17 students from all over the world
- Highly competent, patient and caring faculty
- Interactive teaching style: student-centered methodology

Programs at the **English Language Institute (ELI)** are divided into three parts: grammar (structure and usage), reading and writing, and oral expression and pronunciation. They feature close personal attention to individual student needs. The teaching style is interactive, to prepare students to function well in an American academic setting. In addition to formal instruction, **ELI** offers clubs, discussions, excursions, films and workshops that help students understand American culture and institutions so that they can successfully integrate themselves into American academic life.

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## The American Language and Culture Program

The purpose of the four-week **American Language and Culture Program** is to introduce participants to American society, government, business, and education while enhancing their English language ability with a focus on improving communication skills. Through academic programs, *English in Action* community opportunities, excursions in New York City and homestays with families in Staten Island, participants become acquainted with individual Americans and with the *American way of life*.

Participants will understand American diversity and the underlying values many Americans share and practice. A weekly cross-cultural seminar is also offered where students have opportunities to engage in experiential activities and discussions. Seminars help to integrate the information with their own experience in New York. The course starts from Mondays through Thursdays in the summer with 20 hours of instruction per week. The "English in Action" community opportunities and excursions may take place on Fridays, weekends or evenings.

**Program Cost for a 4-week Session:** This special program package, designed specifically for groups of at least 10 from overseas institutions, includes the following:

- Homestay in Staten Island with seven breakfasts and four dinners per week
- Airport pick up and drop off between Newark Airport and the CSI Campus
- Tuition and textbooks
- Cultural Activities
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions
- Medical insurance
- Administrative fee

The program cost per person:

- \$3,400 per participant based on a minimum of 10 participants.
- \$3,300 per participant based on a minimum of 20 participants.
- \$3,200 per participant based on a minimum of 30 participants.

Optional Excursion to Washington DC: A 3-day, 2-night excursion to the U.S. Capital is also available for an additional cost.



**Calendar and Estimated Fees:** Tuition is due on the day of registration. For the latest schedule, tuition rates and fees (which include mandatory health insurance of \$340 per student for the 14-week session, or \$255 per student for the 9-week session): csi.cuny.edu/international/english\_language\_institute

The College of Staten Island has no dormitories or housing on campus. However, CSI's Center for International Services assists students from abroad in locating convenient and comfortable places to live. The community of Staten Island offers housing at approximately one-half the cost of housing in Manhattan.

The Center for International Services provides special advising, both academic and personal, to help students make their transition to American college life as smooth as possible. The Center conducts orientations prior to each semester to help students understand the American academic system. It identifies resources and support services on campus and off, and advises on immigration and other legal issues.

Specifically, **the Center for International Services** facilitates the admission into **CSI** for **ELI**-registered students. The center's staff helps students complete the application forms, offers advice regarding necessary documents, administers the TOEFL exam, and sends TOEFL results to the **CSI** Admissions Office.



### Other Academic Programs at the College of Staten Island

The College of Staten Island is a senior college within The City University of New York (CUNY) offering associate's, bachelor's and master's degree programs. CSI also participates in several challenging doctoral programs in cooperation with the CUNY Graduate School and University Center.

With the range of CSI's offerings, you can pursue almost any career path. Choose from programs in fields as varied as business, education, nursing, pre-medicine, music, and computer science. CSI's general education program will help you discover how to connect and integrate all of the courses from your undergraduate studies.

CSI provides undergraduates many opportunities to work with senior faculty on research projects and to participate in strong international programs. CSI also has selective graduate programs in areas of special strength. In all we do, we never lose sight of our focus on intellectual development.



# The College of Staten Island: The City University of New York's Newest Campus

The College of Staten Island is the only CUNY college on Staten Island. The City University of New York is the third largest university system in the United States. It has eleven four-year colleges, six two-year colleges, a graduate school, a law school, a medical school, and an affiliated school of medicine. The first CUNY college, The City College, was founded in 1847. Today, the CUNY university system provides accessible and affordable higher education to some 200,000 students from New York City and all over the world.

The College of Staten Island boasts a state-of-the-art campus, completed in 1994. CSI enrolls approximately 12,000 undergraduate and 1,000 graduate students. It is what Americans call a *comprehensive* institution; that is, it offers general education in the liberal arts and sciences, as well as a range of professional studies and master's and PhD programs. The College is fully accredited by the *Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools*.

Students who begin their study at **the English Language Institute** may be admitted to **the College of Staten Island** when they complete their study of English by achieving the appropriate level of competence on TOEFL (Test of English as

a Foreign Language). Undergraduate students whose native language is not English must score at least 450 on the paper-based TOEFL test or 133 on the computerized version. Graduate students must score at least 550 on the paper test or 213 on the computerized version.

New York City is known as a famous center of business, culture, and diplomacy. The city is the financial center of the United States, and the home of many multinational corporations. Its cultural institutions - for art, dance, drama and music - are renowned throughout the world. The United Nations brings diplomats from all over the world to the city. Students in New York find the city a **living textbook** that extends their education beyond the classroom, and affords opportunities to build personal and professional networks that benefit them for the rest of their lives.

Before the Verrazano Bridge was built in 1964 (to connect Staten Island and Brooklyn), Staten Island was known for fishing, farming and parkland. Today it is a desirable place to live for people who work in Manhattan and other boroughs of New York City and in New Jersey, an adjacent state. Staten Island residents commute to Manhattan by car; by ferry (which takes about 25 minutes to go to the southern end of Manhattan); and by express bus, which takes an hour to go to mid-town Manhattan. We invite you to explore the dynamic metropolitan region of New York City!

We look forward to welcoming you to the English Language Institute at the College of Staten Island!

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