

Additional Resources

for English as a Second Language Study outside the CTE-ELP

The Center for Teaching Excellence's English Language Proficiency Program serves Texas A&M University **instructors** of all ranks (teaching assistant to professor) by providing instruction in **oral** English proficiency. (Priority goes to current TAs with Level 2 English proficiency, then to other groups, such as graduate students with upcoming teaching assignments and professors. If space permits, other graduate students may receive services.)

For other language skills, or if you are not an instructor (or soon-to-be instructor) at Texas, the following resources are also available:

- face-to-face resources available on campus
- face-to-face resources available off campus in the Bryan/College Station community
- self-study resources available online.

On-campus face-to-face resources

<i>Name</i>	<i>Service / Audience</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Contact</i>
University Writing Center	Individual consultations about compositions and speeches; for Texas A&M undergraduate and graduate students Writers' retreats, workshops, dissertation and thesis assistance (DATA); for Texas A&M graduate students	free*	writingcenter.tamu.edu http://cleopatra.tamu.edu/default.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f (979) 458-1455 writingcenter.tamu.edu/Students/Graduate-Students uwc@tamu.edu (979) 458-1455
Aggie Toastmasters	Registered student organization that encourages public speaking; open to undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, and staff	small fee	https://aggietoastmasters.wixsite.com/aggietoastmasters https://maroonlink.tamu.edu/organization/aggietoastmasters https://tamu.campuslabs.com/engage/organization/aggietoastmasters/contact aggie.toastmasters@gmail.com
ELPE Practice Session	One workshop preparing students to succeed on	free	http://iss.tamu.edu/Events/ELPE-Practice-Session

	Texas A&M's English Language Placement Exam		ISS
Mays Business School Communication Lab	Writing and speaking consultations for Mays Business School students	free	mays.tamu.edu/communication-lab/ http://www.genbook.com/bookings/slot/reservation/30176477?bookingSourceId=1000 (979) 458-1455
EDCI 689: Academic Writing for International Graduate Students	Semester-long course offered occasionally by the Department of Teaching, Learning, and Culture for multilingual graduate writers	\$	http://tlac.tamu.edu/ http://tlac.tamu.edu/about/contact (979) 845-8384

* Funded by a mandatory student fee; no additional cost per service / visit

Off-campus face-to-face resources

<i>Name</i>	<i>Service / Audience</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Contact</i>
Blinn Community College	16-week ESOL classes in reading, writing, and speaking	\$	www.blinn.edu www.blinn.edu/Brazos/index.htm 979-209-7541; 979-209-7223 2423 Blinn Boulevard Bryan, TX 77802
EnglishBCS	Academic ESL for scholars and professionals, taught by former Texas A&M University ELI faculty members (English Language Institute); short-term classes and tutoring	\$	www.englishbcs.com info@englishbcs.com 979-574-8934 404 Jane Street, Suite 100 College Station, TX 77840
Bryan Adult Learning Center	Open enrollment; basic English for immigrants and other international adults	free	www.bryanalc.org/esl thebalc@gmail.com 979.703.7740 1700 Palasota Street Bryan, TX 77803
Toastmasters	International organization that encourages public speaking; two off-campus locations in College Station and two in Bryan	\$	www.toastmasters.org www.toastmasters.org/find-a-club

Larry Ringer Public Library	Conversation practice "English Conversation Circle"	free	www.bcslibrary.org/events weblink.bryantx.gov/Forms/rpo7P (979) 764-3416 1818 Harvey Mitchell Pkwy. S. College Station, TX 77845
Brazos Interfaith Immigration Network	Conversation practice, preparation for US citizenship exam	free	brazosimmigration.com/contact/ biinfo@gmail.com 979-393-8228 107 Williamson Drive Bryan, TX 77801
Discovery	Conversation practice for international spouses and their preschool children; some transportation provided	free	www.discoveryprogram.us/ directorofdiscovery@gmail.com (979) 828-3721 First Baptist Church, 2300 Welsh College Station, TX 77845
Friendship Connection for Women	Conversational English classes for international women and their preschool children	small fee	www.grace-bible.org/connect/international/all-internationals beckyburch@grace-bible.org (979) 690-0537 700 Anderson Street College Station, TX 77840
Baptist Student Ministry Conversational English Classes	Speaking practice, vocabulary, and idioms	free	www.aggiebsm.org/international/s/ contact@aggiebsm.org 979-846-7722 203 College Main College Station, TX 77840
English Conversation Classes by the International Student Ministry	Conversation and discussion practice introducing vocabulary and culture	small fee	http://www.ulctamu.org/schedule ulc.ism@gmail.com (979) 846-6687 315 College Main College Station, TX 77840

Self-study resources online

Speaking

<i>Name</i>	<i>Service / Audience</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Contact</i>
Pronunciation Doctor	Marsha Chan's videos about English accent modification	free	www.youtube.com/user/PronunciationDoctor
Juna Accent Coach	App for English accent modification	free	www.junaaccentcoach.com
Sounds of Speech	Explanation of how to form each speech sound of American English. Includes animations, videos, and audio samples for consonants and vowels.	free	soundsofspeech.uiowa.edu

Writing

<i>Name</i>	<i>Service / Audience</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Contact</i>
ESLflow	Advice for writing paragraphs and essays	free	www.eslflow.com/AcademicWriting.html
Writefix	Preparation for writing tasks on the TOEFL and IELTS exams	free	writefix.com
English Solutions for Engineering and Sciences Research Writing	"A guide for English learners to publish in international journals"	free	www.hanyangowl.org/media/textbook/engsciresearchwritingbook.pdf
Using English for Academic Purposes	Advice on academic writing "For Students in Higher Education"	free	www.uefap.com/writing/writfram.htm
Michigan Corpus of Upper-Level Student Papers	Database of real papers that earned the grade "A" in many fields, from undergrad seniors and grad students. Models.	free	micusp.elicorpora.info

Listening

<i>Name</i>	<i>Service / Audience</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Contact</i>
Voice of America News: Learning English	News and current events. Audio with transcript. Short videos teaching English.	free	learningenglish.voanews.com
Randall's ESL Cyber Listening Lab	Listening activities and quizzes for everyday language and academic language	free	www.esl-lab.com/index.htm
TED Talks	"influential videos from expert speakers on education, business, science, tech and creativity, with subtitles" and transcripts	free	www.ted.com/talks
English Accent Coach	Exercises and games to hear the difference between similar sounds (English vowels and consonants)	free	englishaccentcoach.com

Reading

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Breaking News English	Current events. Texts at different levels. Speedreading and dictation practice.	free	http://breakingnewsenglish.com
NewsELA	Current events. Texts at different levels. Quizzes.	free	https://newsela.com/articles/#/rule/latest
Using English for Academic Purposes	Academic ESL. Reading advice and exercises for university-level work.	free	www.uefap.com/reading/readfram.htm

Grammar

<i>Name</i>	<i>Service / Audience</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Contact</i>
Grammarly	Corrects grammar, punctuation, and spelling mistakes	free or \$	www.grammarly.com www.grammarly.com/premium

Perfect English Grammar	Instruction in English grammar for adult learners of English	free	www.perfect-english-grammar.com
Dave's ESL Cafe	Grammar lessons (explanation) and quizzes	free	www.eslcafe.com/grammar.html www.eslcafe.com/quiz
Elements of Success 3 online practice	Online exercises with feedback, corresponding to a high-intermediate grammar textbook	\$	https://elt.oup.com/catalogue/items/global/grammar_vocabulary/elements_of_success/elements_of_success_3/9780194706810?cc=us&selLanguage=en

Vocabulary

<i>Name</i>	<i>Service / Audience</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Contact</i>
Oxford Advanced American Dictionary for Learners of English	Meaning, usage, frequency, grammar, common errors, and pronunciation of new words. For non-native speakers of English. Online dictionary Available as an app for iPhones and iPads	free \$	www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com/definition/american_english https://itunes.apple.com/app/oxford-advanced-american-dictionary/id443411692&ls=1
Word and Phrase Info	See frequency, meaning, part of speech, usage, and nearby words	free	www.wordandphrase.info/frequencyList.asp
Using English for Academic Purposes	Lists of academic vocabulary and subject-specific vocabulary, plus exercises	free	www.uefap.com/vocab/vocfram.htm
Duolingo	Gives practice for vocabulary and some grammar concepts	free	www.duolingo.com

Combined skills

Mango Languages	Online language learning resource that teaches vocabulary, grammar, and listening skills for many different languages, including ESL	free if logging on through TAMU library	library.tamu.edu Select "Databases" Select "Mango Languages"
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