English Conversation Groups

Important Note:
Our English Conversation Groups are only open to Yale affiliates. Questions? Email Associate Director of Engagement, Molly Hampton [1].

Fall Schedule for OISS English Conversation Groups Comming Soon!

We are hard at work coming up with a schedule for English Conversation Groups this fall. Please come back to this page for updates and we will begin group meetings again in September. Please note that these sessions will only be open to current Yale students, scholars, or family members and you must be fully vaccinated and boosted (when eligible), and be able to show proof of vaccination if asked. We will also be following all university event [2] and mask [3] guidelines. These sessions are also only open to adults.

At these sessions you can expect to…

- practice your English conversational skills
- check in and connect with other international community members
- get to know local volunteers who lead the sessions

Additional English Language Programs

The English Language Program at Yale (ELP) [4]

The ELP was created specifically to support the English language academic and professional development needs of Yale students and scholars. The ELP offers academic courses in speaking, writing, vocabulary, Teaching in the American Classroom, and Professional Communication Skills to prepare students for their academic classes, teaching, professional presentations, and careers beyond Yale. The twelve-week courses meet in the Center for Language Study (CLS) [5] Well-equipped multimedia facilities with specialized software and self-study material are also available for use in the CLS by Yale international students and scholars with a valid ID.

Yale English Language Institute [6]

Offered during Yale Summer Session B, these non-credit summer certificate programs offer international students the opportunity to participate in the classroom experience offered by our amazing instructors. You'll improve your English and develop skills that will help you with your academic or professional careers.

The New Haven Public Library [7]

Besides a multitude of books and other media, the New Haven Public Library [8] also offers some literacy and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) resources.
**Gateway Community College** [9]

*Gateway Community College* offers a variety of English as a Second Language (ESL) classes to meet students’ academic, professional, and personal goals. Classes are scheduled mornings, afternoons, and evenings to meet students’ diverse needs.

**Literacy Volunteers of Greater New Haven** [11]

*Literacy Volunteers* offers free small group classes at their offices, libraries and community organizations around New Haven, Meriden/Wallingford, and The Valley. Classes are held mornings, afternoons, and evenings to fit into your busy schedule. Email info@lvagnh.org or call (203) 776-5899 for more info.

**Bridges English as Second Language** [14]

*Bridges English as Second Language* is a non-profit volunteer organization that provides free small-group English tutoring to immigrants and visiting internationals in the Yale and New Haven community. The program offers several levels of instruction depending on each student’s needs. The levels are Survival, Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced. Classes are held on Saturday mornings from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Asian American Cultural Center (295 Crown Street, New Haven, CT) and La Casa (301 Crown St, New Haven, CT). Student registration for Bridges classes is at the beginning of each school semester. Email bridgesesl@gmail.com for more info.

**New Haven Adult & Continuing Education Center** [17]

The New Haven Adult & Continuing Education Center offers a free English as a Second Language Program for New Haven residents (non-residents must pay a fee). They offer 7 different levels of classes from Literacy to Advanced. All classes include instruction in speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Call (203) 492-0213 or email erica.walden@nhboe.net for more info.

**ERACE (East Shore Region Adult & Continuing Education)** [20]

ERACE offers English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes at beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels of instruction at multiple locations. They have a great, friendly, certified staff to assist you with your language and culture development here in the United States. Classes are free to residents of Branford, Clinton, Guilford and North Branford; non-residents are welcome to attend for a nominal fee. Call (203) 488-5693 or email shorelineadulted@branfordschools.org for more info.