

ESL: American Studies

- Use the skills of writing, reading, speaking, and listening in English as you learn about the city of Atlanta from a historical and contemporary perspective, from slavery and the Civil War to Martin Luther King Jr. and the Civil Rights Movement to the headquarters of Coca-Cola, Home Depot, and CNN, and a vibrant music scene. Read as well as listen to lectures and watch movie segments about the city. Keep a written and oral journal of your discoveries. Spend part of the course visiting the CNN Center and Atlanta History Center.

ESL: American Popular Culture

- Use the skills of writing, reading, speaking, and listening in English as you learn about American popular culture. You and your classmates will do research on several areas of American culture, including music, film, sports, and advertising. You will read, listen to lectures and song lyrics, watch video, segments, and do a number of site visits in and around Atlanta. You will keep a written and oral journal of your discoveries. Tuition includes the cost of entrance fees to two sites. Students will be expected to use MARTA (Atlanta's public transportation system) for transportation to the sites.

ESL: American Pronunciation

- Learn how to pronounce English more clearly and identify aspects of your pronunciation that interfere with the clarity of their communication. Learn to pronounce problematic sounds as well as learn rules for pausing, phrasing, intonation, linking, and stress. Use special exercises to help practice various aspects of pronunciation as well as exercises to help you incorporate these new speech patterns into normal conversation. By the end of the course, you should have the ability to do some self-monitoring of your pronunciation.

ESL: Research Writing

- Practice your writing skills by writing two short research papers. The first will be on a topic specified by the instructor. The second will be on individually selected topics (related to your major field recommended). Emphasis in the course will be on learning how to paraphrase and synthesize information effectively, combine ideas using sophisticated cohesive devices, and cite information correctly. You will be expected to read several articles for each research topic. During the course you will learn how to identify weaknesses in your writing and get feedback on how to improve these areas.

ESL: Business Communication

- Learn typical business vocabulary for reading, writing, and speaking. Discuss case studies about employees, products, or customers and write short business memos and reports. Students will also be expected to give at least one brief business presentation.

ESL: Public Speaking

- Learn how to give better presentations in English. Learn pronunciation as well as the cultural rules, such as how to organize information; use visual aids; use body language appropriately; and interact with an audience, large or small. Students will be expected to do an impromptu presentation and a prepared formal presentation.

ESL Movie Making: An Integrated Language Skills Course

- Practice all the language skills—speaking, listening, writing, and reading—while making a class movie. Learn the basics of using movie-editing software and make a Web site for the film about a topic that interests you. Past topics include the Cherokee Indians and the city of Atlanta. Research your topic of interest and learn film techniques. Present information on film while visiting actual topic-related sites. As a final project, you will use your research and video clips to create a short documentary film and a live Web site.