

English as a Second Language

ESL

Options at JCCC



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Global English Institute (GEI)

The Global English Institute (GEI) serves English-as-a-second-language learners (ESL) who want to improve their English proficiency and cultural understanding for academic degree preparation and a rewarding career.

Affordable Tuition

- Cost per credit hour equal to JCCC tuition rates; search “tuition rates” at www.jccc.edu.
- Most courses are three credit hours. A credit hour is a unit that equals one hour of class time each week during a 16-week academic semester.
- Financial aid and payment plans are available for qualified students.

Innovative, High Quality Curriculum

- Four levels: beginning through advanced.
- Testing determines language level.
- Enroll in credit ESL courses (called English for Academic Purposes – EAP course prefix) in writing and grammar, reading and vocabulary, and speaking and pronunciation.
- Most students have the opportunity to take other credit courses.
- Regular academic schedule: fall semester (Aug.-Dec.), spring semester (Jan.-May) and summer session (June and July).
- Small class sizes.
- State-of-the-art ESL computer lab and classrooms.
- Preparation for successful college or university transfer.

Experienced Professors and Successful Teaching Approaches

- Outstanding, dedicated professors, many of whom possess a master’s degree in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL).
- Challenging academic approach using reading, writing, listening and speaking in all classes.
- Interactive student participation and personalized attention.

Additional Resources

- Free English conversation partner, computer labs, academic counseling and orientation for students enrolled in EAP courses.
- The Writing Center offers anyone free tutoring, software programs, handouts, an online writing lab and a grammar hotline.
- Customized language and culture programs for groups.

For more information, contact:

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Johnson County Adult Education (JCAE)

Johnson County Adult Education offers free English as a Second Language classes at three locations in Johnson County: Antioch Library, West Park Adult Education Center and the Center of Grace. Adults 16 years of age who are not enrolled in school are eligible to attend.

Affordable

Classes are free.
Students purchase books and materials.

Nationally Recognized Curriculum

Classes are available for all levels of English instruction, from pre-beginning to advanced grammar and vocabulary development. Listening and reading tests determine class level. Students can advance to GED preparation classes in order to earn their Kansas high school diploma. New classes are formed each fall and spring semester.

- **Pre-beginning** for adult learners who cannot speak or understand English and may have no reading or writing skills in any language.
- **Class 1** learners understand frequently used words when spoken slowly but speak very little English. Writing or reading is limited to individual words and simple phrases.
- **Class 2** learners understand simple phrases. Students can read simple material on familiar subjects and are beginning to use basic grammar in writing.
- **Class 3** learners are more able to speak about and understand familiar topics. Students can read simple narratives and directions, and write short essays.

Convenient Locations Throughout the Community

Center of Grace

520 South Harrison
Olathe, Kan.

West Park Adult Education Center

9780 West 87th Street
Overland Park, Kan.

Antioch Library Adult Education Center

8700 Shawnee Mission Parkway
Merriam, Kan.

Citizenship Classes

Citizenship classes are offered to help students prepare to become United States citizens. Classes include U.S. history, government and geography.

New classes start August and January.



www.jccc.edu/adulteducation

Call 913-469-7621 for more information.

English Communication Certificate and Courses

Johnson County Community College's Advanced and Professional ESL program

offers individual courses as well as a certificate option that is specially designed to meet the unique needs of non-native American English speakers living and working in the United States. Courses in speaking and pronunciation, presentation skills, grammar and professional writing will provide strategies to help participants communicate more clearly, directly and confidently. To complete the certificate program, participants will take a total of 80 contact hours of courses. The courses can be taken in any order, but must be completed within two years of the first course.

Advanced/Professional courses include:

- Conversational English
- Grammar Development
- Presentation Skills
- Personalized Pronunciation
- Pronunciation Improvement I and II
- Professional Writing

Who should take these courses?

- Working professionals with mid- to high-level English proficiency
- Individuals who want to build confidence in their English communication skills and communicate with clarity, directness and cultural sensitivity expected in a professional organization setting
- Individuals aspiring to a management position or other advancement opportunities

For more information, contact Phil Wegman at 913-469-4446 or e-mail pwegman@jccc.edu.

Other services include:

- Professional language tutoring is available on a fee-for-service basis.
- Workplace ESL programs can be offered onsite at area companies.

What makes Johnson County Community College unique?

- Continuing education classes are available to help county residents hone their working skills or acquire new ones, either for the jobs they hold now or to prepare for new careers.
- JCCC's continuing education program is the largest and most comprehensive in the Kansas City area.
- To support industry training needs, the college partners with the Kansas Department of Commerce to help companies access workforce training funds.
- The college's Academic Achievement Center helps students meet their academic goals in vocabulary development, spelling and reading.
- The Writing Center helps students improve their grammar and writing skills and operates a hotline to answer grammar questions.
- More than 5,700 employees of area companies take advantage of contract training courses specifically tailored for them and presented at the college or onsite at the workplace.
- Because not every student can take courses taught in the conventional classroom, JCCC also offers online classes, telecourses, self-paced study courses taught by arrangement.