



The New England School of English Harvard Square

Non-Elective Courses

The NESE curriculum is divided into 10 levels of intensive instruction. In each level, you attend classes every day from either 9:00 - 3:15 every day (the Intensive Program) or from 9:00-12:30 (the Semi-Intensive Program). Additionally, depending on your goals and needs, you may attend some of the elective and after-school courses that we offer.

Although you are required to have textbooks for classes, and you will be given homework from them, you should be prepared for much more! In class, you will read newspapers and magazines, watch videos, role-play, do exercises in the computer lab, and interview Americans. The NESE curriculum is designed to give you maximum exposure to authentic materials as soon as possible. In addition, NESE teachers will provide you with level-appropriate ongoing correction from your very first class. In this way, you improve the fluency, pronunciation and accuracy of your English, as well as your overall comprehension of the language. The result: you learn English as quickly as possible.

Grammar & Idioms - 9:00 -10:30

NESE's Grammar & Idioms classes build on your knowledge of basic structures while increasing your understanding of advanced forms and uses. The NESE curriculum is designed to reinforce and expand upon more basic structures as you progress through NESE's ten levels. You will master increasingly more difficult grammar structures while receiving effective correction of any errors you make. NESE's teachers are trained to highlight the differences between formal English and the everyday English you are likely to hear outside of the school, as well as the variations between American and British English. You will gain a strong understanding of U.S. English and become confident using the real structures that native speakers use. The idioms part of this class teaches you everyday expressions and phrasal verbs to help you speak fluently, accurately and independently.

Conversation & Listening - 11:00 -12:30

NESE's Conversation & Listening classes provide you with an academically rigorous curriculum within a warm and engaging environment. Teachers lead the class dynamically, and students do as much of the speaking as possible. NESE's curriculum exposes students to a wide range of authentic spoken English and real-life listening comprehension resources including films, audio news programs and guest speakers from the very first level. These resources prepare you to understand the English that you will hear outside of NESE in a variety of settings. By correcting your usage consistently, NESE teachers prepare you to use your English confidently in a wide range of social, academic and professional settings.

Reading & Writing - 1:45 -3:15

NESE's Reading & Writing classes are designed to teach you to comprehend various forms of written English and to express yourself clearly when writing. The reading component of this class introduces you to increasingly sophisticated authentic materials while engaging you in lively discussions of content, style and vocabulary. By focusing on reading skills such as skimming, scanning and guessing from context, you will be prepared to comprehend written English wherever you may find it. You are taught to write academically/ professionally as well as creatively, and you will have constant feedback from your teachers on the style, structure and content of your work. By learning to consider your reader when writing logically, grammatically and appropriately, you will become comfortable when writing and communicate successfully.