



At **The ESL School at NYFA**, students have the unique opportunity to learn English within an international visual and performing arts academic environment. With its creative and dynamic student body, **The ESL School at NYFA** blends the traditional foundations of English language learning with the arts.

Established in 1977, **The ESL School at NYFA** has four decades of experience offering English language instruction to thousands of students from around the world. **The ESL School at NYFA** is located on two vibrant U.S. campuses of the internationally acclaimed New York Film Academy (NYFA) in the hearts of New York City and Los Angeles, and also has a standalone, community-based campus in San Jose. Students at the campuses embedded at the New York Film Academy will enjoy the added benefit of daily opportunities to interact with native English speakers on campus and participate in extracurricular activities in the community. All locations are authorized by federal law to accept I-20 students.



## CURRICULUM

- 12-week quarters with six levels of English instruction;
- Students receive 20 hours per week of intensive instruction;
- Small class sizes average between six to 12 students, promoting individual attention and close interaction between teacher and student;
- Regular evaluation of each student's level of ability in English as well as continuous assessment of proficiency goals;
- Constant coursework progress monitoring with specialized mentoring as needed; and,
- Highly skilled, experienced and innovative instructors committed to providing the highest quality language education.



## WHAT MAKES THE ESL SCHOOL AT NYFA DIFFERENT FROM OTHER ESL SCHOOLS?

Classes incorporate the arts into the learning process to enhance the traditional ESL lessons. For example, students will watch films to work on comprehension, read scripts to increase vocabulary, and act in plays to build pronunciation skills.

The extracurricular activities at the New York Film Academy are incorporated into ESL student activities, including entertainment, industry guest speakers, film screenings, theater performances, and campus clubs.

## Affiliations

Accredited by the Commission on English Language Accreditation (CEA)  
Licensed in New York State by BPSS  
Approved to operate in California by BPPE



## MISSION STATEMENT

The ESL School at NYFA (ESN) was founded to serve the needs of adults whose first language is not English. ESN provides high-quality language instruction in a friendly setting to help international students improve their English language abilities, focusing on academic purposes, and also taking into consideration students' career advancement, as well as everyday social and practical purposes. To this end, we are committed to:

- Hiring and retaining qualified ESL teaching professionals
- Setting high standards of achievement for students and instructors
- Providing intensive and rigorous training in English Grammar and Writing, Reading and Vocabulary, Listening and Speaking to all, particularly to those who aim to master academic English and continue their education in community colleges, regular colleges, and universities
- Using a wide variety of up-to-date teaching techniques and technology to match the different learning styles of our diverse student population
- Providing a peaceful and comfortable environment conducive to learning and socializing as well as promoting and encouraging cross-cultural understanding
- Offering counseling on many student concerns, whether academic or personal
- Constantly improving our program to meet our students' needs and to be up to speed with as well as innovate better materials and tools for learning

## OUR LOCATIONS

### Los Angeles, CA

Located in the Burbank area of Los Angeles, known as the "Media Capital of the World."

### New York City, NY

A global city home to countless cultural landmarks, museums, and historical sights.

### San Jose, CA

A city where English language students can flourish in a comfortable and relaxed environment to hone their English conversation skills.

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Classes are held Monday-Friday, and a language lab is available for students to use during school hours. Students receive a certificate of completion and a transcript indicating their courses and their progress upon program completion. Core classes include Reading & Vocabulary, Listening & Speaking, and Grammar & Writing.

Students will begin their studies at one of the six following levels of comprehension

### Level 1: Beginner

Students have very little practical ability in using English and develop speaking pronunciation skills and mastery of basic vocabulary, grammar, and survival English.

### Level 2: Pre-Intermediate

Students learn to communicate basic needs and participate in basic conversations, while readings include authentic or adapted narratives and descriptive passages.

### Level 3: Intermediate

Students complete the basic course of grammar and develop more skills in comprehending spoken word and written English containing some unfamiliar words..

### Level 4: High-Intermediate

Students learn to understand increasingly extended conversations, discussions, or lectures. They also learn to speak about familiar topics with little hesitation.

### Level 5: Advanced

Students focus on advanced vocabulary development and are introduced to sophisticated reading texts and writing forms.

### Level 6: Pre-college

Students focus on academic tasks in the context of challenging topics and advanced vocabulary that parallel college level courses.

For more information and updates about The ESL School at NYFA's offerings please write to [iep@eslnyfa.edu](mailto:iep@eslnyfa.edu)