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.

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. ESL Students 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 skill level 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.

Please Note: Curriculum and projects are subject to change and may vary depending on location. Students should consult the most recently published campus catalog for the most up to date course information.
Pre-College and Youth Programs

Levels of Proficiency

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 unstated conversations, discussions, or lectures. They also learn to speak about familiar topics with little hesitation.

Level 5: Advanced – Students focus on vocabulary development and are introduced to sophisticated reading tests 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.

Program Overview

Since 1996, the New York Film Academy has built a reputation as one of the premier summer camps in the world for teens and kids. In addition to summer camps, we offer weekend programs, holiday workshops, and winter camps to some aspiring artists throughout the year. Our camps are offered in locations across the globe that inspire creativity, while promoting collaboration and creative problem solving. Our teams will create work that may serve as excellent material for undergraduate admissions portfolios when applying to the Film Academy or other university programs.

For Teens Ages 14-17

Teens programs at the New York Film Academy are comprehensive, hands-on, engaging, and require a thorough commitment and a mature attitude. The programs will enrich our students’ future educational and professional endeavors in any field they pursue. While working in class, students build leadership skills and confidence in communication, while practicing collaboration and creative problem solving. Our teams will create work that may serve as excellent material for undergraduate admissions portfolios when applying to the Film Academy or other university programs.

For Kids Ages 10-13

We have designed our kids programs with the same standard of excellence that we apply to our teen and university-level programs. Kids programs bring a dynamic hands-on learning experience and foster a passionate commitment to craft. Topics include filmmaking, acting for film, 3D animation, game design, and musical theatre. Held at the Film Academy’s campuses in New York City, Los Angeles, and South Beach, students learn on professional equipment from instructors with advanced degrees and industry experience. Students come to us from all over the world and leave with incredible memories and impressive work.

For more information and updates about The ESL School at NYFA, please visit the ESN website.