



**F**or many immigrants, learning English is important and necessary to take full advantage of life in the United States. Most communities offer English classes open to the general public, and this is one way of learning U.S. culture and customs. Men and women of different ages, education, ethnicities and backgrounds study together. In addition to taking classes, you can study with a volunteer tutor. In addition to English classes, many of the centers listed here also offer a variety of classes, such as job training, classes for personal growth and higher education. Your learning and education can continue even after you have learned English.



## Where can I take English Classes?

English as a Second Language (ESL) instruction is available at various locations such as:

- Community colleges,
- Adult education centers
- Vocational instruction centers and
- Community-based and religious organizations. Below are some descriptions of ESL programs offered in your community.

## When can I enroll in ESL classes? How much do they cost?

If you attend a community college, you must enroll at the beginning of the semester or quarter. Students must pay a tuition fee and pay for other

expenses including books, transportation, etc. There may be financial assistance available for these expenses. Contact the Financial Aid office at your community college, or speak with one of the college counselors.

At community centers or organizations, you may enroll in these ESL classes at any time during the year and classes are FREE. Classes are offered day and evening in many locations in the community.

Other centers located in the community focus on vocational instruction –**specific job training**– these programs may have specific requirements in order to enroll, and you may need to pay fees in order to enroll. Contact your center for more information.

## I have no car, how can I find an ESL class close to my home?

You can contact any of the resources listed in this section to find out if any classes are offered in your neighborhood. Also, some centers may offer transportation. Please contact these organizations for more information about schedules and the services they provide.

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If you are familiar with the Internet, you can look up [www.immigrantinfo.org](http://www.immigrantinfo.org) and locate a class very close to your home.

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## Who can care for my 3 year old daughter so that I can take an English class?

Some locations may offer **TRANSPORTATION OR CHILDCARE**; you should always ASK to see if these services could be provided at low or no cost.



## **Community College ESL Programs**

### **DeAnza College**

21250 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino, CA 95014

Tel: (408) 864-8686

Services: ESL classes, ESL for allied health professionals.

### **Evergreen Valley College**

3095 Yerba Buena Road, San Jose, CA 95135

Tel: (408) 274-7900 ext.6625

Website(s): [www.evc.edu](http://www.evc.edu)

Language: Vietnamese

Services: Intensive ESL programs (8-week programs)

### **Foothill College**

12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022

Tel: (650) 949-7449

### **Gavilan College**

5055 Santa Teresa Blvd., Gilroy, CA 95020

Tel: (408) 848-4807

Website: [www.gavilan.cc.ca.us](http://www.gavilan.cc.ca.us)

Language(s): Spanish including Spanish catalog

Services: ESL, child care.

### **Mission College**

3000 Mission College Blvd., Santa Clara, CA 95054

Tel: (408) 567-2804

Services: ESL, English for professionals

### **San Jose City College**

2100 Moorpark Avenue, San Jose, CA 95128

Tel: (408) 848-4845

### **West Valley College**

14000 Fruitvale Avenue, Saratoga, CA 95070

Tel: (408) 741-2482

## **Community Based & Adult Education ESL Programs**

### **Andrew Hill High School**

3200 Senter Road, San Jose, CA 95123

Tel: (408) 254-8101 at Overfelt Fax: (408) 254-8115

Tel (after 6 p.m.): (408) 347-4390

Services: ESL classes. Call for schedule of classes.

### **Bosnian American Association**

3410 Stevens Creek Blvd. Suite #104, San Jose, CA 95130

Tel: (408) 866-6989

Language(s): Bosnian, Serbian and Croatian

Services: ESL classes, interpreting, translating, transportation, assistance and referrals.

### **Bosnia-Herzegovina U.S.A Society**

1 West Campbell Avenue, Suite B-20, Campbell, CA 95008

Tel: (408) 866-6989

Language(s): Bosnian, Croatian, and Serbian

### **California Charter Academy**

282 South King Road, San Jose, CA 95116

Tel: (408) 247-2162

Language(s): Spanish



## Catholic Charities

2625 Zanker Road, San Jose, CA 95134-2107  
Tel: (408) 468-0100  
Website: [CCSJ.ORG](http://CCSJ.ORG)  
Language(s): Spanish and Vietnamese

## Center for Employment Training

San Jose: 701 Vine Street, San Jose, CA 95110  
Tel: (408) 287-7924  
Website: [www.cet200.com](http://www.cet200.com)  
Language(s): Spanish  
Services: ESL, Vocational English as a Second Language (VESL), bilingual instruction in many employment training programs.

Gilroy: 7800 Arroyo Circle, Gilroy, CA 95020  
Tel: (408) 842-6484  
Language(s): Spanish

## Center for Training and Careers Inc. (CTC)

1600 Las Plumas Avenue, San Jose, CA 95133  
Tel: (408) 251-3165  
Website: [www.ctcsj.org](http://www.ctcsj.org)

## Central County Regional Occupational Center/MAEP

760 Hillsdale Ave. #1, San Jose, CA 95136  
Tel: (408) 723-6450  
Website: [www.metroed.org](http://www.metroed.org)

Services: Offers various levels of ESL classes, also literacy program, GED and HSD completion programs. Employment training in office skills, and general clerical are taught in English.

## Chinese Cultural Center

1269 Forgewood Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA 94089  
Tel: (408) 747-0394  
Website: [www.ccctecosf.org](http://www.ccctecosf.org)  
Language(s): Mandarin

## Cross Cultural Community Service Center (CCSC)

2268A Quimby Road, San Jose, CA 95122  
Tel: (408) 223-6628

Language(s): Spanish, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Cantonese  
Services: ESL, high school diploma, G.E.D., homework center.

## East Side Union High School District Adult Education.

Andrew Hill High School  
3200 Senter Road, San Jose, CA 95123  
Tel: (408) 254-8101  
Website: [www.aenet.esuhd.org](http://www.aenet.esuhd.org)

Language(s): Spanish and Vietnamese language assistance in the office but ESL classes are in English.  
Services: ESL classes PM with computers, citizenship, ESL study at home program.

## Cureton School/Joseph George Community Center

East Hills Drive, San Jose, CA  
Tel: (408) 254-8110  
Website: [www.aenet.esuhd.org](http://www.aenet.esuhd.org)

Language(s): Spanish and Vietnamese language assistance in the office but ESL classes are in English  
Services: ESL classes in AM



## **Eastern European Service Agency (EESA)**

2400 Moorpark Ave. #200, San Jose, CA 95128

Tel: (408) 297-7348

Language(s): Bosnian, Croation, Serbian and Albanian

Services: ESL classes.

## **Economic and Social Opportunities (ESO)**

San Jose: 1445-1447 Oakland Road, San Jose, CA 95112

Tel: (408) 971-0888

Language(s): Bosnian, Cantonese, Mandarin, Vietnamese, Spanish, Cambodian, Korean, and French.

Gilroy: 7365 Monterey Street, Gilroy, CA 95020

Tel: (408) 848-1265

Language(s): Spanish

Services: ESL, citizenship and tutoring for elementary school students.

## **Escuela Popular**

467 N. White St, San Jose, CA 95127

Tel: (408) 275-7190

Language(s): Spanish

Services: ESL, citizenship classes, high school diploma.

## **ESL On-Site, Inc**

614 Grand Avenue, Suite 203, Oakland, CA, 94610

Tel: (510) 567-7540

Website: [www.ESLonsite.com](http://www.ESLonsite.com)

Services: Bring ESL, VESL and Spanish classes to the specified site.

## **Gilroy Family Resource Center**

8833 Monterey Ct, Gilroy, CA 95030

Tel: (408) 846-5000

Language(s): Spanish

## **Gilroy Unified School District Adult Education**

8750 Hirasaki ct, Gilroy, CA 95050

Tel: (408) 842-2082

## **Immigrant Resettlement and Cultural Center (IRCC)**

420 Park Avenue, San Jose, CA 94536

Tel: (408) 971-7857

Language(s): Vietnamese

Services: Citizenship Assessment, Citizenship application, and Citizenship Interview preparation. Vocational English as a Second Language. ESL for Citizenship and computer classes.

## **Independence Adult Center**

625 Educational Park Drive, San Jose, CA 95133

Tel: (408) 928-9300

Website: [www.aenet.esuhdsd.org](http://www.aenet.esuhdsd.org)

Language(s): Spanish and Vietnamese language assistance in the office but ESL classes are in English.

Services: ESL classes AM & PM with computers, ESL study at home program

## **InnVision of Santa Clara Valley – Family Place**

279 Commercial Street, San Jose, CA 95112

Tel: (408) 453-3124

Website: [www.innvision.org](http://www.innvision.org)

Language(s): Spanish



## **Jewish Family Service of Silicon Valley (JFS)**

1101 So Winchester Blvd., San Jose, CA 95128

Tel: (408) 556-0600

Website: [www.jfssv.org](http://www.jfssv.org)

Language(s): Bosnian and Russian

Services: ESL/citizenship classes (day time), ESL class for seniors, transportation to ESL classes, interpretation.

## **Jewish Vocational Service**

4600 El Camino Real #103, Los Altos, CA 94022

Tel: (650) 601-9785

Language(s): Russian

## **John XXIII Multi-Service Center**

195 East San Fernando Street, San Jose, CA 95112

Tel: (408) 282-8600

Website: [www.ccsj.org](http://www.ccsj.org)

Services: ESL, citizenship classes, childcare.

## **K. R. Smith School**

2025 Clarice Drive (near Tully), San Jose, CA 95122

Tel: (408) 254-8101

Website: [www.aenet.esuhd.org](http://www.aenet.esuhd.org)

Language(s): Spanish and Vietnamese language assistance in the office but ESL classes are in English.

Services: ESL classes in AM

## **Los Gatos-Saratoga Community Education**

123 East Main Street, Los Gatos, CA 95032

Tel: (408) 354-8700

Website: [www.lgsararec.org](http://www.lgsararec.org)

Language(s): Italian and French

## **Metropolitan Adult Education Program (MAEP)**

1149 East Julian Street, San Jose, CA 95116

Tel: (408) 947-2311

Website: [www.metroed.org](http://www.metroed.org)

Language(s): Spanish

Services: ESL classes, Adult Basic Skills, GED, high school diploma for adults.

## **Milpitas Adult Education Programs**

1331 East Calaveras Blvd, Bldg. 400

Milpitas, CA 95035

Tel: (408) 945-2392

Services: Offers various level of ESL from beginning to advance. Citizenship, adult basic education GED preparation and HSD completion are also offered. To enroll in GED and HSD courses you must be an 8th grade education and 8th grade English level.

## **Morgan Hill Community Adult School**

17940 Monterey Road, Morgan Hill, CA 95037

Tel: (408) 779-5261

Language(s): Spanish and Vietnamese

## **Mountain View-Los Altos Adult School**

333 Moffett Blvd., Mountain View, CA 94043

Tel: (650) 940-6025

Website: [www.mvlaae.org](http://www.mvlaae.org)

Services: Offers ESL classes year round, from beginning to advance levels. Times and days vary, morning, afternoon and evening classes as well as some Saturday courses. Call for more information. Citizenship, High school diploma, and GED.



## North Side Community Center

488 North 6th Street, San Jose, CA 95122  
Tel: (408) 271-7321  
Language(s): Vietnamese  
Services: ESL, citizenship classes

## Nuestra Casa Family Resource Center

1998 Alum Rock Avenue  
San Jose, CA 95116  
Tel: (408) 251-7663  
Language(s): Spanish  
Services: ESL, citizenship, childcare, women's support, counseling, AA classes.

## Oak Grove High School

285 Blossom Hill Road, San Jose, CA 95123  
Tel: (408) 254-8101  
Website: [www.aenet.esuhsd.org](http://www.aenet.esuhsd.org)  
Language(s): Spanish and Vietnamese language assistance in the office but ESL classes are in English.  
Services: ESL classes in PM

## Our Lady of Guadalupe Church

2020 East San Antonio Street (King and Jackson)  
San Jose, CA 95116  
Tel: (408) 258-7057  
Language(s): Spanish

## Overfelt Adult Center

1901 Cunningham Avenue, San Jose, CA 95122  
Tel: (408) 254-8101  
Website: [www.aenet.esuhsd.org](http://www.aenet.esuhsd.org)  
Language(s): Chinese, Vietnamese, and Spanish  
Services: ESL classes AM & PM with computers, citizenship

## Palo Alto Adult School

50 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto, CA 94301  
Tel: (650) 494-2326  
Website: [www.paadultschool.org](http://www.paadultschool.org)  
Language(s): Spanish, Mandarin  
Services: Offers ESL classes both in day and evening schedules. For more information about the Mandarin program call (650) 329-3820, for information about the Spanish program call (650) 329-3870.

## Portuguese Community Center (POSSO)

1115 East Santa Clara Street Suite #A, San Jose, CA 95116  
Tel: (408) 923-0877  
Website: [www.service.com/posso](http://www.service.com/posso)  
Language(s): Portuguese  
Services: ESL, citizenship classes.

## Presbyterian Church of Sunnyvale

728 West Fremont Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA 94087  
Tel: (408) 739-1892  
Website: [www.sulpres.org](http://www.sulpres.org)  
Services: ESL, childcare.



## **Sacred Heart Center**

310 Edward Avenue, San Jose, CA 95110

Tel: (408) 947-2311

Website: [www.shcstheheart.org](http://www.shcstheheart.org)

Services: ESL, citizenship classes.

## **Sacred Heart Community Service**

1381 S. First Street, San Jose, CA 95110

Tel: (408) 283-5800

Language(s): Spanish

Services: Provides citizenship and ESL classes Monday-Thursday 8 - 10 a.m. for mothers of preschool children and 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. for mothers of infants and toddlers. Classes for adults Monday-Thursday 6-8 p.m. (no childcare available).

## **San Jose Conservation Corps**

2650-A Senter Road, San Jose, CA 95111

Tel: (408) 283-7171

Language(s): Spanish, and Vietnamese.

Services: ESL classes and GED preparation.

## **Santa Clara Adult Education**

500 Washington Street, Santa Clara, CA 95050

Tel: (408) 423-3050

Services: ESL and citizenship classes, day and evening.

## **Santa Maria Urban Ministry**

778 South Almaden, San Jose, CA 95110

Tel: (408) 292-3314

Website: [www.ecr.anglican.org](http://www.ecr.anglican.org)

Services: ESL, citizenship classes.

## **St. Joseph Family Center**

7950A Church Street, Gilroy, CA 95020

Tel: (408) 842-6662

Language(s): Spanish

Services: ESL, adult literacy, and English conversation.

## **St. James Center (Metropolitan District Education Center)**

199 North Third Street, San Jose, CA 95112

Tel: (408) 947-2314

Services: ESL and citizenship.

## **St Joseph's Cathedral-St Joseph's Worker House (Social Ministry Office)**

80 South Market Street, (San Fernando), San Jose, CA 95113

Tel: (408) 283-8118

Language(s): Spanish

Services: Provides citizenship and ESL for anyone. Call for schedule.

## **Santa Clara Valley Cambodian Women's**

### **Association (SCVCWA)**

P. O. Box 53264, San Jose, CA 95153

Tel: (408) 221-3647

Language(s): Cambodian

## **Sunnyvale/Cupertino Adult Education**

591 West Fremont Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA 94087

Tel: (408) 522-2735

Website: [www.ace.sulsd.org](http://www.ace.sulsd.org)



## **Vietnamese-American Cultural and Social Council**

1115 East Santa Clara Street, Ste 5, San Jose, CA  
95116  
Tel: (408) 971-8280

Language(s): Vietnamese

Services: ESL classes for seniors. Fee: \$15  
contribution for materials.

## **Vietnamese Voluntary Foundation (VIVO)**

2260 Quimby Road, San Jose, CA 95122  
Tel: (408) 532-7755

Language(s): Vietnamese and Mandarin.

Services: ESL and citizenship.

## **Yerba Buena High School**

1855 Lucretia Avenue, San Jose, CA 95122  
Tel: (408) 254-8101

Website: [www.aenet.esuhsd.org](http://www.aenet.esuhsd.org)

Services: ESL classes in PM with computers

## **Youth Empowered for Success (YES)**

645 Wool Creek Drive, San Jose, CA 95112  
Tel: (408) 283-6150

Website: [www.ccsj.org](http://www.ccsj.org)

Services: ESL and practice for daily conversations.

