

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER PROGRAMMING IN AMES-FALL 2023

Handout prepared by



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STRUCTURED CLASSES:

Des Moines Area Community College, Ames Hunziker Center, 1420 South Bell Avenue, Ames. Contact person: Deb Sheehy, 515-778-2729, 515-612-7708 (call or text, including in your native language), or dcsheehy@dmacc.edu

- Free non-credit ELL classes at various levels. Registration appointments needed. Sign up at: <https://iowa.getconnectable.com/des-moines-area-community-college/start> OR by phone/email/text.
- Ames Class Schedule: Monday – Thursday, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm OR Tuesday – Thursday, 6:00 – 8:30 pm. See www.dmacc.edu/ell for more information.
- Fall 2023 Class Sessions are as follows: Session #1 is August 28 – October 19. Session #2 is October 30 – Dec. 14.
- For information on credit (tuition fee) ELL classes, please visit <https://www.dmacc.edu/ell/Pages/ellcredit.aspx>

Memorial Lutheran Church International Student Ministry, 2228 Lincoln Way, Ames. Contact Person: Judy Newhouse at ISM.MLChurch@gmail.com or 515-292-5005.

- Free “Learning English” classes at all levels. Free childcare available.
- Free “Conversational Activities” classes and “Idioms” classes also available.
- Fall 2023 classes will be held in the International Resource Room (north entrance). Unless otherwise stated, classes are in-person.
- For the class schedule, see <https://memoriallutheranchurch.org/international-ministry/>

Plex/Christ Community Church, 5501 George Washington Carver, Ames. Contact person: Nancy Foote at Nancyfoote@gmail.com

- Free English Conversations classes at 4 levels. Held Monday and Thursday mornings, 10 – 11:15 am.
- Classes start on August 28 and follow the ISU academic calendar. New students are welcome to join any time.
- Textbook fee is \$15. Scholarships available.
- *If requested in advance, the following can be provided:* 1) Transportation from ISU’s SUV Community Center, with pick-up at 9:45 am; 2) Childcare.

CONVERSATION GROUPS:

Ames Public Library, 515 Douglas Avenue, Ames. 515-239-5646.

- English conversation circles available on Mondays, 12:30 – 1:30 pm, ongoing.
- Gather for casual conversations in English. The focus of this group is to help English Language Learners gain confidence and fluency in a comfortable and fun setting. Library staff will pair native and non-native speakers and provide themes, questions, and topics for conversation.

“Coffee, Tea, and English” Conversation Group, Iowa State University, Gerdin Business Building-Lobby Café. Contact person: Nancy Foote at Nancyfoote@gmail.com OR isubridges@gmail.com

- Meet in small groups with American volunteers and follow a format learning English and cultural customs.
- Starts again on August 25. Held every Friday, 4:30 – 6 pm.

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