STUDY ENGLISH IN CHICAGO



EDUCATIONAL CENTER

LEARN ENGLISH IN CHICAGO
WORLD RENOWNED CITY WITH CULTURAL RICHNESS

OUR GLOBAL VISION

Mission and values

Founded in 1995, GT Educational Center is accredited by the **Commission on English Language Program Accreditation** and approved by the **Illinois Board of Higher Education**.

Our mission is to provide **high-quality education and exceptional services** that prepare students from around the world for **academic, professional, and personal success**.

We support our students in pursuing their future goals by providing a **caring and professional learning environment.** To achieve this mission, we have developed an **intellectually stimulating curriculum** that teaches language skills alongside cultural context.

We promote **intercultural awareness** and strongly encourage **collaborative learning**. GT Educational Center is deeply committed to **building confidence and empowering our students**, helping them acclimate to the English language and thrive in diverse settings.



Chicago

Chicago is **the third largest city in the United States**, with a population of approximately **2.7 million people**. It is home to **over 28 universities**, making it a vibrant hub for education and learning.

The city offers one of the **best public transportation systems in the U.S.**, including **8 subway lines and the Metra train**, making it easy to get around. Chicago is known for being **clean and well-organized**, providing a comfortable urban environment.

Chicago experiences **warm summers**, with temperatures ranging from **20°C to 30°C**, and cold winters, ranging from **-10°C to 5°C**, offering a true **four-season experience**.

Why Choose GT?

Living in Chicago

Chicago is renowned for its stunning architecture and iconic landmarks, including world-class museums and parks. Living in the city provides abundant networking opportunities to support career growth, while also allowing residents to enjoy its rich and diverse cultural scene.

Exciting Activities

At GT, you can enjoy a wide range of **extracurricular activities**, including city tours, popular attractions, dining experiences, and entertainment. You'll also have the opportunity to experience many of **Chicago's renowned festivals and events**.

Qualified Instructors

Our experienced staff are experts in **teaching English as a second language** and are committed to providing a **friendly, approachable, and supportive learning environment** that helps every student succeed.

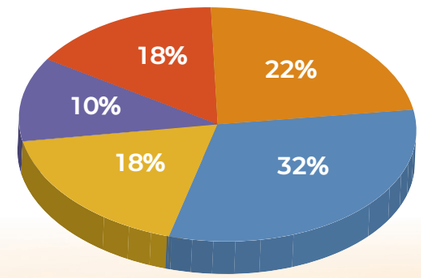
Affordable Tuition

We pride ourselves on providing education that is accessible to everyone.

Nationality Mix

GT offers a truly **multicultural and diverse** classroom experience. Students from over 40 countries come together each term, enriching the learning experience and fostering meaningful international friendships.

Campus Nationality





Programs & Courses

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GT Courses	Beginner			Intermediate			Advanced	Advanced Plus
GT Level	1 GE 100	2 GE 200	3 GE 300	4 GE 400	5 GE 500	6 GE 600	7 GE 700	8
	Low-Beg.	Beginner	High-Beg.	Low-Int.	Intermediate	High-Int.	Advanced	Advanced Plus

Core Courses								
General English	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Advanced Skills								Advanced Listening Advanced Writing Advanced Speaking Advanced Reading
Business English								Business Communication Business Management Business Marketing
TOEFL Preparation								TOEFL
University Preparation								University Preparation
American Discovery								American Literature American Ethnic Diversity Chicago's Culture American Film / Dream American Popular Music
Advanced Vocabulary and Idioms								Advanced Vocabulary and Idioms



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Elective Courses								
Book Basics	1	2	3					
Conversation Basics	1	2	3					
Grammar Basics	1	2	3					
Writing Basics	1	2	3					
Conversation English				4	5	6		
Grammar Fundamentals				4	5	6		
Story Talk				4	5	6		
Vocabulary and Culture				4	5	6		
American Sitcoms						6	7	
Novel Discussions						6	7	
Pronunciation						6	7	
Public Speaking						6	7	
Culture through Film								Advanced Plus
Current Events and Debate								



Choose Your Program Focus

Curriculum Options

Intensive	Super intensive	Part-time
22.5 hours per week	27.5 hours per week	15 hours per week

Program Schedule

Intensive Program

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00~12:00	Main course				
12:00~12:30	Lunch				
12:30~13:30	Main course				

Super Intensive Program

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00~12:00	Main course				
12:00~12:30	Lunch				
12:30~13:30	Main course				
13:45~14:45	Elective 1				

Part-time Program

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00~12:00	Main course				

GT offers a diverse range of academic options, allowing you to tailor your studies based on your English proficiency and your individual academic or professional goals.





Course and level Explanation











Beginner Levels (1–3)

Students with little or no English start by learning the **alphabet, basic vocabulary, simple sentences, and foundational communication**. They practice **real-life conversations, read texts, and write short paragraphs**. Across three beginner levels, students develop **oral fluency, reading comprehension, and writing skills**, building confidence to use English in everyday situations.

Intermediate Levels (4–6)

Students strengthen their English for **everyday communication** through **reading, listening, vocabulary, and grammar practice.** These levels further develop **speaking, listening, and writing skills**, with a focus on applying **grammar and comprehension in real-life situations**.

Advanced Levels (7–8)

Students communicate **fluently, accurately, and effectively** in most situations, including complex or abstract topics. They understand **subtle meanings, idiomatic expressions, and advanced grammar structures**, and express themselves clearly in both spoken and written English. The course equips students with the skills and confidence needed for academic success, professional advancement, and effective real-world communication.

General English(GE)

Beginner to Advanced Levels

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Core Courses								
General English	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Choose Advanced Plus Courses

Course Description

Students advance from foundational English to full fluency, developing reading, writing, grammar, and communication skills, while mastering complex language and academic vocabulary for success in everyday, academic, and professional settings.

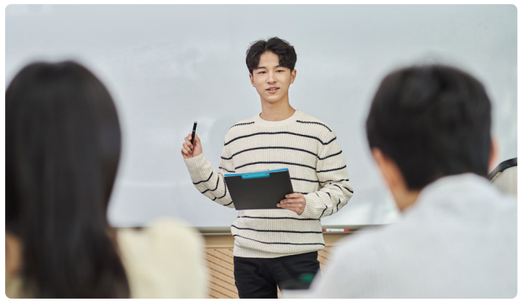
Requirements

Students should have **passed the previous level** or achieved a **satisfactory placement test score**.

Course Goals

Master English for **everyday life, work, and study**. Progress from Beginner to Advanced while improving **speaking, listening, reading, and writing**. Gain confidence in real-world communication.





Business English

Business Communication • Management • Marketing

GT Courses	Beginner			Intermediate			Advanced	Advanced Plus
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	Low-Beg.	Beginner	High-Beg.	Low-Int.	Intermediate	High-Int.	Advanced	Advanced Plus
Core Courses								
Business English	General English							Business Communication Business Management Business Marketing

Course Description

This course is designed for non-native English speakers who want to enhance their communication skills in a professional business environment. Participants will develop the language, vocabulary, and practical skills needed to succeed in international workplaces. Students will learn practical English for everyday business situations and gain familiarity with standard communication practices used in professional settings.

Requirements

Completion of Advanced General English level with a passing grade, or a satisfactory score on the placement test.

Course Goals

Master the English skills you need to succeed in today's global business world. Communicate confidently in meetings and presentations, write professional emails and reports, negotiate effectively, and navigate international business interactions with clarity and cultural awareness.



Advanced Skills

Advanced Listening • Writing • Speaking • Reading

GT Courses	Beginner			Intermediate			Advanced	Advanced Plus
GT Level	1 GE 100	2 GE 200	3 GE 300	4 GE 400	5 GE 500	6 GE 600	7 GE 700	8
	Low-Beg.	Beginner	High-Beg.	Low-Int.	Intermediate	High-Int.	Advanced	Advanced Plus
Core Courses								
Advanced Skills	General English							Advanced Listening / Writing Speaking / Reading

Course Description

This course is designed for advanced English language learners who aim to refine and master their listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in academic, professional, and social contexts. Through engaging, interactive activities, students will develop the ability to comprehend complex texts and spoken materials, express ideas fluently and accurately, and produce clear, well-organized written work.

Requirements

Advanced General English passing grade or satisfactory score on the placement test.

Course Goals

Students will be equipped to communicate effectively in a variety of contexts, engage critically with complex English texts, and express themselves with confidence and precision.





American Discovery

American Literature • Ethnic Diversity • Chicago Culture • American Film & Popular Music

GT Courses	Beginner			Intermediate			Advanced	Advanced Plus
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Core Courses								
American Discovery	General English							American Literature American Ethnic Diversity Chicago's Culture American Film / American Dream American Popular Music

Course Description

Explore American culture while improving academic English skills. Engage in discussions, debates, and study tours to key Chicago sites, extending learning beyond the classroom.

Requirements

Advanced General English level or satisfactory placement test score.

Course Goals

Enhance academic English while exploring American culture, literature, and diversity through discussions, debates, and Chicago study tour.





TOEFL Exam Preparation

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GT Courses	Beginner			Intermediate			Advanced	Advanced Plus
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Core Courses								
TOEFL Preparation	General English							TOEFL Preparation

Course Description

The TOEFL Exam Preparation course is designed to help students achieve high scores on the TOEFL iBT exam by developing advanced reading, listening, speaking, and writing skills. Students will practice each section of the test, learn effective strategies, and receive personalized feedback to strengthen confidence and academic performance.

Requirements

Advanced General English passing grade or satisfactory score on the placement test.

Course Goals

Achieve a successful score on the TOEFL iBT exam.





Advanced Vocabulary and Idioms

Advanced Vocabulary and Idioms, Private Instruction

GT Courses	Beginner			Intermediate			Advanced	Advanced Plus
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Core Courses								
Advanced Vocabulary and Idioms	General English							Advanced Vocabulary and Idioms

Course Description

This course is designed to help students master advanced vocabulary and common North American idioms, enabling confident communication in conversation, writing, and professional settings. Learners expand their vocabulary through practical, real-world exercises and apply idiomatic expressions naturally in everyday situations.

Requirements

Advanced General English passing grade or satisfactory score on the placement test.

Course Goals

To enhance students' advanced vocabulary and idiomatic knowledge, empowering them to communicate fluently, naturally, and accurately in both spoken and written English.





University Preparation

Advanced Listening • Writing • Speaking • Reading

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Core Courses								
University Preparation	General English							University Preparation

Course Description

This course is designed to prepare ESL students for academic success at the university level. Students develop essential English language skills—including reading, writing, listening, and speaking—within an academic context. The course emphasizes critical thinking, research strategies, academic vocabulary, and note-taking skills necessary for success in lectures, discussions, and written assignments.

Requirements

Completion of Advanced General English with a passing grade or a satisfactory score on the placement test.

Course Goals

Students will gain the language proficiency and academic skills needed to transition successfully into university-level studies.

TOEFL WAIVER

Students who achieve a certain level of proficiency (college / university requirements can differ) at GT Educational Center are exempt from taking the TOEFL test at the schools.

University programs

- Bachelor Degrees(Undergraduate)
- Master Degrees
- College Diplomas

DeVry University · East West University · MSOE University · North Park University Chicago · Robert Morris University Illinois

Campus










Accommodation

GT Educational Center helps students make housing choices and offers our recommendations.

On-Campus Residence

The newly constructed dorms are located on campus, just steps from our classrooms.




Homestay

GT offers single-room homestay accommodations with half-board, allowing students to live with English-speaking host families in an ideal setting for daily English practice and cultural immersion.






Off-Campus Residence

Conveniently located a 10-minute walk from the GT Downtown Chicago campus in the heart of downtown, this residence provides a secure and immersive study-abroad experience.



With modern shared kitchens, an optional meal plan, and a vibrant community of fellow university students, it offers both comfort and convenience in downtown Chicago.









Airport Pick-up

GT representative will greet you and pick you up at the airport.

GT Activities

GT offers student activities every other week, including visits to galleries and museums, boat cruises, sports games, movie nights, festivals, and game days.

Here are some examples of GT activities:



Discover Chicago

Chicago is a world-famous architectural city where students can explore its rich history and iconic skyline.

Millennium Park, located in downtown Chicago, is a popular public park known for its modern art, architecture, and beautiful landscape design.



Spring & Falls – Parks & Museums

Grant Park, located in Chicago's Loop, features well-known attractions such as Buckingham Fountain, Millennium Park, Cloud Gate, and the Museum Campus, home to many of Chicago's top museums.



Summer - Festivals

Students can enjoy and attend world-famous music festivals. Chicago's summer music festivals have been a tradition for over 40 years. Held annually from late July through Labor Day weekend, these festivals bring musicians and music fans from around the world to Millennium Park's lakefront for unforgettable live performances.









Winter – Willis Tower

The Willis Tower, formerly known as the Sears Tower, is a 110-story skyscraper and a symbol of the Chicago skyline. Completed in 1973, it was once the tallest building in the world.



▸▸ Explore Chicago with GT!





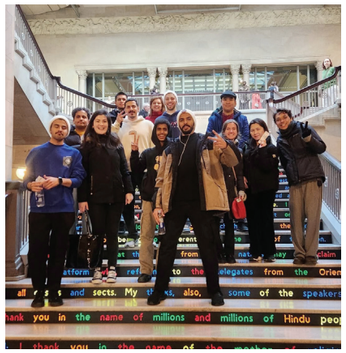


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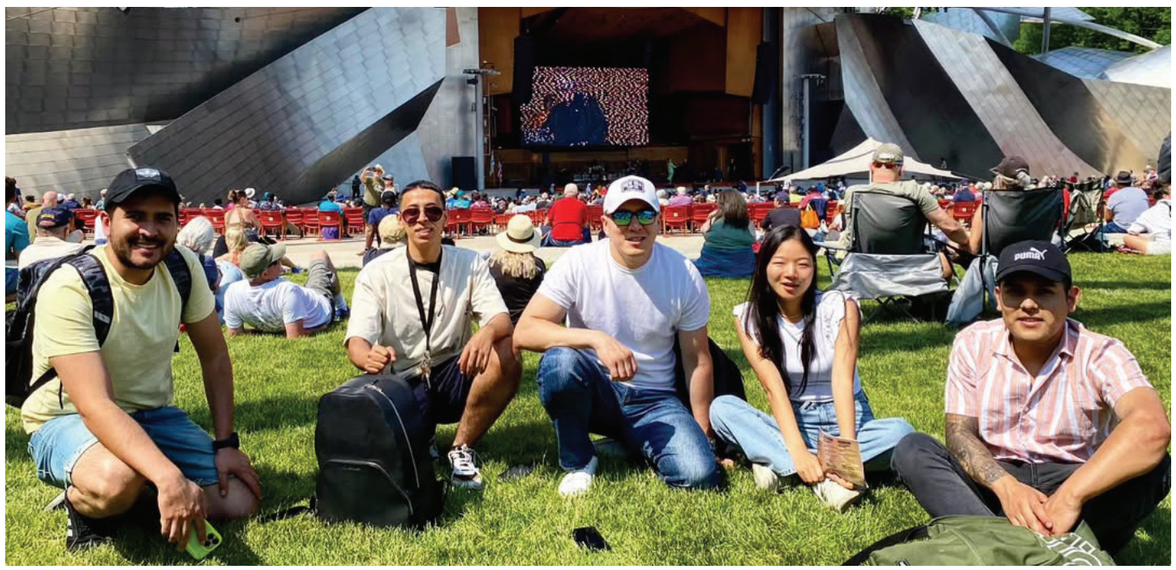


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5 Skills That Can Aid in ESL Retention

1. Active Listening
2. Writing Practice
3. Speaking
4. Memory Techniques
5. Reading Comprehension



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