

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER PROGRAMMING IN AMES- EARLY 2024

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COLLABORATION

STRUCTURED CLASSES:

Des Moines Area Community College, Ames Hunziker Center, 1420 South Bell Avenue, Ames. Contact information: Call Pedro or Ruth at 515-697-7762, email Deb at dcsheehy@dmacc.edu, or text 515-612-7708 in your native language.

- Free non-credit ELL classes at various levels. Registration appointments needed. Next registration date in Ames: January 2.
- Ames Class Schedule: Online in mornings. Online and in-person options evenings. See www.dmacc.edu/ell for more information.
- Spring 2024 Session #1 is January 8-March 1. Session #2 is March 18 – May 2.
- 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. Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 10 am. Free childcare available.
- Free “Conversational Activities (All levels)” classes available Tuesdays/Thursdays, 2 & 5 pm.
- “Idioms” classes, American Literature (Advanced), Written English (Int. & Adv), and English Lab also available.
- Spring 2024 classes start January 8 & will be held in the International Resource Room. In-person (except Basics).
- For the complete 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 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.
- Held every Friday, 4:30 – 6 pm.