

# ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER PROGRAMMING IN AMES- FALL 2025

Handout prepared by



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## STRUCTURED CLASSES:

**Des Moines Area Community College**, Ames Hunziker Center, 1420 South Bell Avenue, Ames.

Call 515-697-7762, email [dcsheehy@dmacc.edu](mailto:dcsheehy@dmacc.edu), or text 515-612-7708 in your native language. For info:



- Free non-credit ELL classes at various levels. Registration appointments needed. Ames class schedule: [www.dmacc.edu/ell](http://www.dmacc.edu/ell). **Fall Session #2** - Session Dates: Monday, October 28 – Thursday, December 12 (7 weeks). Registration sign-up on website opens: Monday, October 6 at 8:00am.
- International students and family members (on J and F student visas) are not eligible to participate.
- New: Students must be eligible to receive federally funded services.
- 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: Judy Newhouse at [ISM.MLChurch@gmail.com](mailto:ISM.MLChurch@gmail.com) or 515-292-5005.

- Free “Learning English” classes at all levels. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10 am. Free childcare available.
- Free “Conversational Activities (All levels)” classes available. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2 & 5 pm.
- “Idioms” classes, American Literature (Advanced), Written English (Int. & Adv), and English Lab also available.
- For the complete class schedule, see <https://memoriallutheranchurch.org/international-ministry/>

**Plex/Christ Community Church**, 5501 George Washington Carver, Ames. Contact: Nancy Foote at [Nancygfoote@gmail.com](mailto:Nancygfoote@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, in the Danfoss Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor).
- 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.
- International Community Meet-up on *third* Tuesdays of the month, 5 – 6 pm, Auditorium.

**“Coffee, Tea, and English” Conversation Group**, Iowa State University, Gerdin Business Building-Lobby Café. Contact person: Nancy Foote at [Nancygfoote@gmail.com](mailto:Nancygfoote@gmail.com) OR [isubridges@gmail.com](mailto: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, during the ISU academic year.

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