
To Register

Before classes begin each semester, all students must attend a scheduled registration session. To register, students must show a photo ID to prove that they are:

- Residents of the PSC district (see list of district communities)
- At least 18 years of age (or 16-17 and formally withdrawn from high school)

Registration sessions typically take 2-3 hours to complete. During registration, students take a test so they can be placed into the level that matches their ability to communicate in English. All non-native speakers, regardless of their level of English or educational background, are assigned a class that meets their needs.



For More Information

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District Information:

PSC District 515 serves the communities of Beecher, Chicago Heights, Crete, Flossmoor, Ford Heights, Glenwood, Homewood, Matteson, Monee, Olympia Fields, Park Forest, Richton Park, Sauk Village, South Chicago Heights, Steger, and University Park, plus portions of Country Club Hills, Hazel Crest, Lynwood, Tinley Park, and adjacent unincorporated areas of Cook and Will counties.

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English as a
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Fiscal Year 2014

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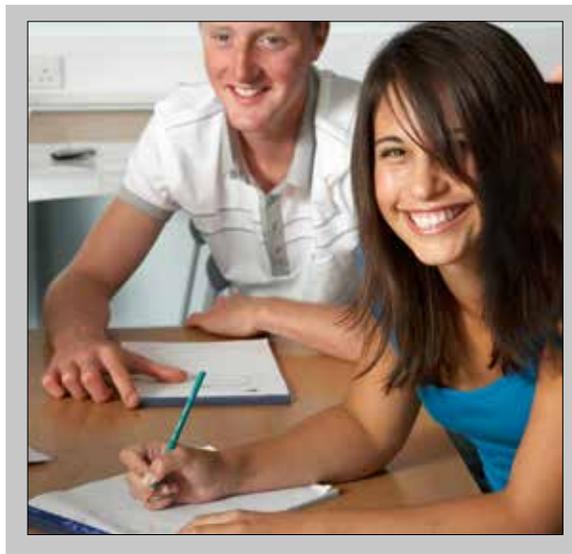
 Prairie State College

The Program

The English as a Second Language (ESL) program at Prairie State College (PSC) is a five-level program that provides high-quality English language instruction in a welcoming classroom environment. Specially trained ESL instructors are dedicated to helping students achieve their personal, professional, and academic goals. ESL classes are free and open to all non-native English speakers over the age of 18 who live or work full time in the PSC district.

Classes

The five levels of ESL classes reflect a communicative language teaching approach that emphasizes skills in speaking, listening, reading, grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, and writing. Students are taught practical applications of these skills they can use immediately in their everyday lives. Classes typically meet twice per week, and students can choose to attend classes in the morning or in the evening. At the end of each semester, students who successfully complete the class receive a certificate of completion.



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Citizenship Training

The ESL program also offers a Citizenship Training class that prepares students to take the U.S. Citizenship Exam. Topics covered in the class include U.S. government, history, and civics. In addition to learning the information necessary to pass the exam, students practice reading, writing, and speaking skills to prepare for the citizenship interview.

Other Classes

Students enrolled in ESL classes also may take free Spanish GED® classes or GED® classes in the Adult Education Program at PSC. Students may also be dual-enrolled in credit classes at PSC or other institutions.

