



Study
English in
CHICAGO



GT Educational Center

Welcome to GT!

GT Educational Center, established in 1995, is accredited by the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation and is approved by the Division of Private Business and Vocational Schools of the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

We offer programs designed to meet the needs of both individuals from all around the world.

Our mission is to deliver quality education and outstanding services so as to help students reach their highest English language learning potential for academic, professional, or personal success.

We offer students quality preparation in pursuing their future goals and provide them with a caring and professional learning experience. To achieve our mission an intellectually stimulating curriculum has been developed with an emphasis on equipping students with language skills as well as giving them an opportunity to gain insight into American life and culture.

We promote intercultural awareness among our students and strongly encourage collaborative learning. GT Educational Center is deeply committed to building confidence and motivating and empowering our students by gaining proficiency in the international language of English.



Why Choose GT?

GT Is Focused On You!



Choose GT Educational Center and enjoy the benefits of:

- **Living in Chicago**

- The City of Chicago is world renowned for its beautiful architecture and is home to some of the most incredible monuments, museums, and parks the country.
- Provides endless networking opportunities to broaden your future career goal.
- Embraces cultural richness.

- **Qualified Instructors**

- Highly experienced in teaching English as a second language.
- Educated in the art of teaching English as a second language and most hold advanced degrees.

- **Affordable Tuition**

- We pride ourselves on making education accessible for everyone.

- **Exciting Activities**

- Our extra-curricular activities include tours, attractions, dining and entertainment.
- Experience many city festivals and events.



Program Overview

Our courses are taught at beginner to advanced levels on a year round basis by highly qualified instructors.

By using effective teaching methods, carefully selected course materials target a variety of learning styles for our diverse student community.

Program(s) Format

1 Clock Hour=50 Minutes

All programs offered by GT Educational Center are full-time programs, conducted 18 or 22.5 hours per week.

General English Program (GE100-700) consists of seven progressive courses, each of which is 180 hours long. Students who complete all 7 progressive courses starting at the beginning level study for a total of 1260 clock hours. A Certificate of Completion is issued upon completion of each course.

American Discovery Programs are 6 courses, 180 total clock hours each. Students will receive a Certificate of Completion after successful completion of each course.

Business English Programs are 3 separate courses, each comprised of instruction equivalent to 180 clock hours. Students receive a Certificate of Completion upon the successful completion of each course.

Advanced Skills Programs four separate courses.

Each course is 180 total clock hours. Successful completion of each program results in the receipt of a Certificate of Completion.

Advanced Vocabulary and Idioms Program meets for 180 clock hours total.

Upon successful completion of the course, students receive a Certificate of Completion

University Preparation Program Upon successful completion of a course, students receive a certificate. The program meets for a total of 180 clock hours.

TOEFL Preparation Program meets 180 clock hours total.

Upon successful completion of the course, students receive a Certificate of Completion.

Elective Programs are 14 courses and meets 25 clock hours each.



Program/Course Flow Chart

Students progress through courses at GT Educational Center according to the following flow chart.

Courses	Beginner			Intermediate			Advanced	Advanced Plus
Core Courses	GE100	GE200	GE300	GE400	GE500	GE600	GE700	Advanced Skills, Business English, TOEFL, University Preparation, Advanced Vocabulary and Idioms, etc
Elective Courses		Book Basics, Conversation Basics, Grammar Basics, Writing Basics		Conversation English, Grammar Fundamentals, Story Talk, Vocab & Culture		American Sitcoms, Novel Discussions, Pronunciation, Public Speaking		Culture through Film, Current Events and Debate

Program Name	Course(s) within the program	Hours
General English (GE)	Low Beginner	180
	Beginner	180
	High Beginner	180
	Low Intermediate	180
	Intermediate	180
	High Intermediate	180
	Advanced	180
Advanced Skills	Advanced Listening	180
	Advanced Writing	180
	Advanced Speaking	180
	Advanced Reading	180
Business English	Business Communication	180
	Business Management	180
	Business Marketing	180
TOEFL Preparation	TOEFL Preparation	180
University Preparation	University Preparation	180
American Discovery	American Literature	180
	American Ethnic Diversity	180
	Chicago's Culture	180
	American Film	180
	American Dream	180
	American Popular Music	180
Advanced Vocabulary and Idioms	Advanced Vocabulary and Idioms	180
Elective for Beginner	Book Basics	25
	Conversation Basics	25
	Grammar Basics	25
	Writing Basics	25
Elective for Intermediate	Conversation English	25
	Grammar Fundamentals	25
	Story Talk	25
	Vocabulary and Culture	25
Elective for High Intermediate & Advanced	American Sitcoms	25
	Novel Discussions	25
	Pronunciation	25
	Public Speaking	25
Elective for Advanced Plus	Culture through Film	25
	Current Events and Debate	25

General English (GE)

- Designed to provide the non-native student with the necessary language skills and basic information needed to succeed in becoming a self-supporting member of the global society.
- Teaches English for everyday living and to function successfully in personal, professional and academic environments.



Low Beginner (GE100)	This course is for students with no English skills or very little English. Students will learn the alphabet, basic vocabulary, simple sentence patterns, and basic communication skills. The focus is to teach students how to write basic sentences, understand and answer simple questions and read short, simplified texts
Beginner (GE200)	Prerequisites: Low beginner passing grade or satisfactory score on the placement test. Focuses on simple language for daily use. Students will practice speaking in real-life situations, read longer passages and will be able to recognize main ideas and supporting details. Students will expand their basic vocabulary, will be able to write short paragraphs and listen to and understand short real-life conversations.
High Beginner (GE300)	Prerequisites: Beginner passing grade or satisfactory score on the placement test. Focuses on the development of greater oral fluency for a variety of social situations focusing on conversational skills. Students will further develop the ability to read, write, and understand more complicated materials. They will learn to skim and scan for information and produce well-organized paragraphs.
Low Intermediate (GE400)	Prerequisites: High beginner passing grade or satisfactory score on the placement test. Consists of reading, vocabulary, interactive activities, grammar practice, and listening activities that focus on the overall improvement of English language skills for everyday use. Students will read passages and will begin to apply critical thinking skills to comprehend the material and summarize them. Students will improve listening skills and be able to infer the meaning, listen for specific information and take notes on oral sources.
Intermediate (GE500)	Prerequisites: Low intermediate passing grade or satisfactory score on the placement test. Purpose is to improve oral fluency by the development of a strong active vocabulary and the practice of complex grammatical structures. Emphasizes logic, abstract thinking, inference, and vocabulary.
High Intermediate (GE600)	Prerequisites: Intermediate passing grade or satisfactory score on the placement test. Focuses on continuing expansion of students' oral communication, vocabulary, including idioms and collocations, listening comprehension and writing skills. Emphasis is placed on focused grammar practice and application of critical thinking skills when reading a variety of authentic materials.
Advanced (GE700)	Prerequisites: High intermediate passing grade or satisfactory score on the placement test. Intended as an advanced grammar review and development of conversational, analytical, writing and academic skills. Will improve students' ability to speak with a high level of accuracy and fluency, help to understand and use advanced colloquial expressions, and practice skills necessary for university entrance or moving on to more advanced courses. Focuses on acquiring fluency in spoken English, with a communicative approach involving all four skills (listening, speaking, reading comprehension, and writing).

Advanced Skills

- Dedicated to expand and sharpen each specific skill.
- Intended for advanced students who need to improve one or more individual skill, or master all skills in depth.
- **Prerequisites:** Advanced General English passing grade or satisfactory score on the placement test.

Advanced Listening Skills	Focuses on increasing advanced ESL students' listening and note taking strategies. Students will work with variety of authentic academic and general interest audio materials and improve their listening comprehension, critical thinking and analytical skills.
Advanced Writing Skills	Designed to enhance ESL students' advanced proficiency in writing, editing and research skills. Students will learn how to compose extensive, well-developed essays, academic and research papers and other writing assignments in various rhetorical patterns.
Advanced Speaking Skills	Designed to improve advanced ESL students' verbal communication and presentation skills and provide them with extensive speaking practice. Students will be able to produce creative, detailed oral presentations and take part in debates.
Advanced Reading Skills	Focuses on enhancing advanced ESL students' critical thinking, comprehension and analysis skills while working with authentic academic reading materials. Students will improve their reading strategies, academic skills and expand their vocabulary by working with variety of literary genres.



Business English

- These courses are designed to help students gain the language skills and cultural understanding they need to become familiar with the English of American and International Business.
- Students will learn the English needed for everyday business situations, becoming familiar with common forms of speech and the communication practices standard in major facets of business.
- This program is divided into three, stand alone courses: Business English Communication, Business English Marketing, and Business English Management
- **Prerequisites:** Advanced General English passing grade or satisfactory score on the placement test.



Business English Communication	Designed to equip students with knowledge, skills and strategies necessary for successful communication both in verbal and written forms in various business situations. Students will gain strategies for using English effectively in a variety of business contexts including presentations, meetings, negotiations, and telephoning. Students will acquire confidence for everyday business situations and build business cultural awareness by engaging in dynamic real-life activities.
Business English Management	Focuses on reading, writing, listening and speaking skills in a business context, specifically, the context of management. Controlled activities offer practice in grammar, vocabulary and the mechanisms of everyday business writing while speaking and reading tasks focus on the language of business management.
Business English Marketing	Focuses on reading, writing, vocabulary, and speaking skills in a business context, specifically, the context of marketing. Reading assignments cover such topics as multicultural marketing, cross-cultural sales, designing advertising campaign, market research of a new product, product development, and more.



TOEFL Preparation

- The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is the world's leading academic English test.
- More than 6,000 institutions in 110 countries now rely on TOEFL scores for student placement.
- Our program is designed to prepare students for the Internet Based TOEFL (IBT) test in a short amount of time.
- Content of the program is based on the newest version of the TOEFL exam and reflects the language that is used in real academic situations.
- Focuses on all four content of the TOEFL iBT: reading, writing, speaking, and grammar.
- Prerequisites: Advanced General English passing grade or satisfactory score on the placement test.

Electives

- Designed as dynamic, engaging courses to offer students additional practice using English.
- As a supplement, these courses give students the ability to focus on one aspect (speaking, listening, reading, writing or grammar) at a time.
- 14 total Elective courses.
- Each course meets 6.25 hours per week for a total of 25 hours.

Basic	Prerequisites: Students need to participate in General English Beginner or High Beginner course or earn a corresponding score on the placement test. Book Basics Conversation Basics Grammar Basics Writing Basics
Intermediate	Prerequisites: Participate in the General English Low Intermediate or Intermediate course or earn a corresponding score on the placement test. Conversations in English Grammar Fundamentals Story Talk Vocabulary and Culture
High Intermediate & Advanced	Prerequisites: Students need to participate in General English High Intermediate or Advanced course or earn a corresponding score on the placement test. American Sitcoms Novel Discussions Pronunciation Public Speaking
Advanced Plus	Prerequisites: Students need to participate in an Advanced Plus course or earn a corresponding score on the placement test. Culture through Film Current Events and Debate

University Preparation

- Designed for students who plan to enter an American college or undergraduate or graduate level.
- Students will develop academic skills of reading, writing, listening and speaking as well as enhanced field-specific vocabulary and grammar knowledge.
- Students will explore authentic reading and listening materials derived from university textbooks and lectures.
- Students will learn to synthesize and analyze information from various sources, and then apply the acquired knowledge, skills and strategies to produce essays in various genres practiced in colleges and universities.
- This program will equip students with academic strategies, including note taking, using a thesaurus, paraphrasing, multiple draft writing and timed writing, in order to assure students' success in an academic environment
- **Prerequisites:** Advanced General English passing grade or satisfactory score on the placement test
- GT Educational Center has partnered with quality educational institutions to allow our students a seamless transition into degree granting programs. We offer university placement services by assisting with the admission process to American colleges and universities.
- GT Educational Center offers University placement services to assist students in transferring to degree granting universities. We help acquaint students the US university system and help make your decision about matriculating to a degree granting program in the US. We work with Universities in the area to make your transition as simple as possible by granting our students TOEFL waivers and often priority admission.

Partner University

- DeVry University
- Robert Morris University
- East-West University
- Milwaukee School of Engineering



American Discovery

- Designed to give students a unique opportunity to improve their academic English skills by studying American culture.
- Students will improve their ability to participate in topic-specific academic debates and discussions, as well as their ability to comprehend topic-specific recordings and videos.
- American Discovery students also look outside of the classroom by going on study-tours of sites of significance in the Chicago area.
- **Prerequisites:** Advanced General English or satisfactory score on the placement test.



American Literature	An introduction to American Literature from its origins to the present. Gives an overview of the most remarkable works of American writers. Will concentrate on the most prominent authors and literary movements. Focuses on improving their comprehension of period-specific literary works, as well as incorporating reading strategies and learning literary vocabulary.
American Ethnic Diversity	Designed to educate students about issues of race and ethnicity by presenting perspectives on diversity in the United States throughout its history. Through the content of ethnic diversity, students will be encouraged to think critically and participate in meaningful discussions and debates.
Chicago's Culture	Designed to provide students with a foundation of cultural understanding of the City of Chicago. Through the content of Chicago history and culture, students will enhance their listening skills through various recordings, videos, and going on different field trips.
American Film	Examines the history and aesthetics of the motion picture in the United States since the late 1960s. Emphasizes on the analysis of both the work of major American filmmakers and the evolution of major American film genres from 1967 through current times. Through the content of American film, students will focus on increasing their ability to recognize advanced vocabulary and slang found in various movie genres.
American Dream	Focuses on the growing disparity between the expanding consumption habits of many Americans and the declining economic and ecological circumstances for many more in this country and abroad. Students will explore the social and moral implications and variations of the American dream.
American Popular Music	Will cover music that has affected the broadest segments of American society from themes of the 19th century to the present in order to provide a greater understanding of the role of culture, society, and politics in shaping our national identity through music.

Advanced Vocabulary and Idioms, Private Instruction

Advanced Vocabulary and Idioms

- The Advanced Vocabulary and Idioms program is designed to help non-native speakers of English increase the quantity and quality of vocabulary from a variety of contexts at an advanced level.
- Lexical expansion will be offered through systematic and imaginative strategies.
- Students will learn techniques for understanding vocabulary from context, collocations, and words with multiple meanings.
- Much emphasis will be placed on idiomatic expressions that reflect contemporary North American usage.
- The presentation of the vocabulary will be done in realistic contexts in order to allow students to perceive nuances between idioms.
- Students will be encouraged to apply the lexicon to their own lives, making vocabulary and idioms more relevant and useful.
- **Prerequisites:** Advanced General English passing grade or satisfactory score on the placement test.

Private Instruction

- GT Educational Center offers customized private instruction for students with specific language needs.
- With the convenience of building your own schedule and a customized curriculum, private instruction is ideal for those who would like to study at their own pace.



Campus information

Chicago Downtown

- Located in Beautiful downtown Chicago on famous Michigan Ave, just across the street from Grant Park and Lake Michigan. Easily accessible by public transportation. Walk to some of the most famous Chicago landmarks.



Portage Park

- Located in the Portage Park area of Chicago, a quiet residential neighborhood on the Northwest side of the city. This location offers a friendly city atmosphere. Free parking is available to student.



Hickory Hills

- Located in the south suburb of Chicago, about 20 miles south of the city. The location offers free parking and a safe area for students staying in the south suburbs.



Activities

Experience America!!!

At GT Educational Center we are dedicated to helping our students encounter the American experience both inside and outside the classroom.

- Chicago's jazz or blues festivals
- Mouth-watering steak houses
- Chicago's own deep dish pizzas
- Amazing architecture
- World class museums
- Art galleries
- Upscale boutiques and enormous shopping sites.



Explore Chicago!!!

Chicago's most famous tourist attraction

- Willis Tower,
- John Hancock,
- Grant Park,
- Navy Pier,
- Sports Stadiums (Soldier Field & Wrigley Field)
- Millennium Park
- Water Tower
- Shedd Aquarium
- and more!



CHICAGO

Discover Chicago!!!

Walk along the Chicago Riverwalk or sit back and relax on a private boat while sailing along one of the best skylines in the world.

Discover historic learning events by visiting most renowned museums.

- The Art Institute of Chicago
- Field Museum of Natural History
- The Adler Planetarium
- Lincoln National Museum
- Museum of Science and Industry

Never miss a chance to experience festivals, plays, musicals, and various shows that are available throughout the year!



Accommodations

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

Dormitory Housing

- The newly constructed dorms are located on campus, just steps from our office and classrooms.
- Prestigious downtown location on famous Michigan Ave, across from Grant Park and the lake. Choose private or shared rooms.
- Walk to some of the most famous sites Chicago has to offer or take Public transportation within walking distance to visit all that Chicago has to offer.



HOME STAY

- You can choose to stay with a host family through our partner.
- A living arrangement that involves staying with an American family is a great opportunity to become accustomed to the American lifestyle, culture, and tradition.



Accreditation



GT Educational Center is accredited by the Commission on English Language Programs Accreditation for the period August 2018 through August 2028 and agrees to uphold the CEA Standards for English Language Programs and Institutions.

CEA is recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education as a national accrediting agency for English language programs and institutions in the U.S. For further information about this accreditation, please contact CEA, 801 North Fairfax Street, Suite 402A, Alexandria, VA 22314, 703.665.3400, www.cea-accredit.org



GT Educational Center is approved by the Illinois Board of Higher Education, Division of Private Business and Vocational Schools. The Illinois Board of Higher Education provides leadership, advocacy, and support for the work of post secondary institutions, making education in Illinois second to none. Complaints, which cannot be resolved by direct negotiation with the school in accordance to its written grievance policy, may be filed with the Illinois Board of Higher Education, 1 N. Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 300 Springfield, IL 62701 or at www.ibhe.org



GT Educational Center is authorized under federal law to enroll non-immigrant alien students.



Student Information

1. Name (as shown in your passport)

Family Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Name _____

Gender: Male Female

2. Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____ Country of Birth _____
Month Day Year

3. Country of Citizenship _____ Native Language _____

4. Level of Education: High (Secondary) School College/University Other (please explain) _____

5. Permanent Address in your Home Country

Street _____ City _____ State/Province _____ Postal Code _____ Country _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

6. Local Address in the United States (if presently in the U.S.)

Street _____ City _____ State/Province _____ Postal Code _____ Country _____

Visa Information

1. I am outside the United States and need a Student Visa
 2. I am in the United States and have a visa
 My visa type is: F-1 F-2 B1/B2 Visa Waiver Permanent Resident Other (please specify): _____

3. What was the date of your arrival, if presently in the United States? _____ / _____ / _____
Month Day Year

4. Do you plan to bring a family member (children, spouse) with you? Yes No

1. Family Name _____ First Name _____ Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) _____ Relationship _____

2. Family Name _____ First Name _____ Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) _____ Relationship _____

Course Information

1. When would you like to start? _____ / _____ / _____ 2. How long would you like to study? (Week) _____
Month Day Year

3. What program(s) would you like to enroll in?

Semi-Intensive Course Intensive Course Super Intensive Course

Accommodation: Dormitory Home Stay (HS) No Accommodation

Medical Insurance: Yes No

Airport Pick-up: Yes No

Arrival Date: _____ Flight Information: _____

I, undersigned, certify that I have read and understand the terms of this application, and the statements made herein are complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Failure to provide full documentation or falsification of credentials may result in cancellation of this application, or dismissal from Goal Training, Inc. In the event of a medical emergency, I authorize any appropriate medical facility to initiate treatment and release medical information for insurance purposes. Upon my signature and acceptance by Goal Training, Inc. this agreement is legally binding and I have received a signed copy.

Signature _____

Date _____ / _____ / _____
Month Day Year

Chicago City Map





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