A strong command of English will help you succeed at work, in your studies, and in the community. UNLV Continuing Education’s English as a Second Language (ESL) and Accent Reduction class series help non-native speakers gain confidence speaking, reading, and writing in English.

**Mastering English as a Second Language (ESL)**
Whether you are new to English or you are seeking advanced grammar and writing lessons, the classes in the English as a Second Language series will help to enhance your skills. Join the series at the beginning level, or take an ACCUPLACER test to start at a higher level.

23.1 percent of Nevadans speak a language other than English. Spanish is the native language of 16.2 percent of Nevadans, followed by 6.6 percent Tagalog, 0.6 percent Chinese, and 0.4 percent Korean. The following ratio of speakers in each group report speaking English "very well":

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**Accent Reduction for International Professionals**
Clear speech is essential for success in today’s workforce. Our accent reduction and speaking program helps you speak English with clarity and precision. Each course is tailored to a specific aspect of Accent Reduction (vowel sounds, consonant sounds, intonation and speaking skills) to minimize your communication barriers while maintaining your unique cultural identity.

We provide you with direct strategies, practical tips, and oral training to become an effective and confident speaker. Our primary goal is to modify your current speech habits with new standard American patterns that will become habitual in your everyday speech.

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**ESL ACCUPLACER Placement Test:**
You must take the ACCUPLACER Placement Test prior to registering for intermediate or advanced ESL to correctly identify your appropriate level. ACCUPLACER is an integrated system of computer-adaptive assessments designed to evaluate students’ skills. Students complete three segment tests: reading, sentence structure, and language use. Register at ced.unlv.edu.

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English as a Second Language (ESL) Classes

English as a Second Language (ESL) Beginning
This course is for beginners with limited English language skills. The classes will build your vocabulary and basic grammar to allow you to develop confidence in speaking and writing in English. Focus on conversational skills, understanding idiomatic expressions, and developing comfort in presenting in English. ESL Beginning students are not required to take the ACCUPLACER test.

English as a Second Language (ESL) Intermediate
Expand your use of oral English and gain confidence when speaking, reading, and writing in professional and everyday settings. You will read and comprehend passages on common, high interest topics. You will also write short narrative paragraphs using level-appropriate grammar. You will develop proficiency by attentively listening to increasingly complex verbal explanations, conversations, and instructions, then respond with confidence. ACCUPLACER test required.

English as a Second Language (ESL) Advanced
ESL Advanced will effectively progress learners to full English language proficiency for a professional environment. You will develop advanced reading and listening strategies, enrich the quality and quantity of your vocabulary, improve grammar accuracy, and write well-organized essays. You will learn to communicate with sophistication in professional settings, engage in thought-provoking discussions, and polish academic writing, listening, and reading. ACCUPLACER test required.

Accent Reduction Classes

Accent Reduction for International Professionals I
Precise articulation is essential for effective presentations, motivating employees, and inspiring customer confidence. Even if you are proficient in English grammar and vocabulary, a strong regional or foreign accent can still make clear communication difficult in the workplace. Build the skills you need to correctly pronounce the sounds of American English, focusing on the vowel sounds, so your accent is no longer a business liability.

Accent Reduction for International Professionals II
Focus on mastering the consonant sounds of American English. Now that you have completed the basic vowel program in Level I, you will master additional techniques for improving your English pronunciation. Learn techniques for producing correct consonant sounds when combined with vowels or other challenging consonants.

Accent Reduction for International Professionals III
Master the intonation patterns of American English. Now that you have completed the basic vowel and consonant programs, learn the musical aspects of speech and the mechanics for how to signal stress and pitch. Improve your stress and pitch patterns for words, sentences, and paragraphs. You will also practice body language and facial expressions that reinforce American intonation, and help add meaning and clarity to your speech.

Effective Speaking for International Professionals
Communicate orally with clarity and confidence in English. This class teaches international professionals or students the aspects of effective speech delivery. You will learn organization of content, use of verbal and non-verbal language, and voice control including understandable accent, proper intonation, and better articulation. You will also master the techniques of pacing, pausing, and linking for delivering smoother, clearer, and more concise speech. Improving your speaking skills will boost your self-confidence and have a positive impact on your professional and social life. You will overcome your fear of speaking in English, and communicate ideas in a more coherent and convincing manner.

Class Details & Registration
View complete course details and upcoming session dates via UNLV Continuing Education’s online registration portal at ced.unlv.edu.

If you took ACCUPLACER tests at another institution please provide documentation to ce-assistant@unlv.edu no later than one week prior to the course start.

Contact Us
Questions about UNLV’s ESL and accent reduction programs should be directed to Continuing Education at continuing.education@unlv.edu or 702-895-3394.

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