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 your 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 1.6 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.

**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.
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 - Vowel System of American English
Start by developing the correct vowel sounds of American English. Vowel sounds give the word its shape and meaning. Therefore, vowel mispronunciation can lead to an unintended meaning. Fixing your American vowel sounds will help you modify your accent and convey your message more clearly.

Accent Reduction for International Professionals II - Consonant Variations of American English
Producing the correct consonant sounds is as important as producing the correct vowel sounds. Learning the different variations and production strategies of the challenging American consonant sounds can help you produce clear, crisp, and understandable speech. Learning the pronunciation of standard American consonant sounds can greatly modify your accent.

Accent Reduction for International Professionals III – Intonation Patterns of American English
No matter how great your English is, even after mastering the standard American vowel and consonant sounds, people might still be confused whether you are telling something or asking a question. Learning American intonation patterns of stress, pitch, and rhythm can help you sound more American. Improve the musicality of the American language, with its rising and falling tones, in order to communicate with maximum clarity and ease.

Effective Speaking for International Professionals
Overcome your fear of speaking, learn the techniques of effective communication, and practice your accent reduction skills in this class. Master essential communication strategies that will bring you success in the workplace and society. You will become a confident, organized, and powerful speaker.

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 or you have other documentation to prove proficiency, please provide the 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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