



## New York, USA

### COURSE DATES

- Nov 7 - Dec 13, 2010 (Part Time, Weekends for 6 weeks)
- Jan 15 - 29, 2011
- April 2 - May 8, 2011 (Part Time, Weekends for 6 weeks)

All courses are 70 hours in class and 60 hours on line for a total of 130 hours

**New York City Course fee: US\$2,100**  
**Accommodation: from US\$800**

**New York City** is the most populous city in the United States, with its metropolitan area ranking among the largest urban areas in the world. New York City has been the largest city in the United States since 1790, and was the country's first capital city and the site of George Washington's inauguration as the first president of the United States. For more than a century, it has been one of the world's major centers of commerce and finance. New York City is rated as an alpha world city for its global influences in media, politics, education, entertainment, arts, and fashion. The city is also a major center for foreign affairs, hosting the headquarters of the United Nations.

New York is the birthplace of many cultural movements, including the Harlem Renaissance in literature and visual art, abstract expressionism (also known as the New York School) in painting, and hip hop, punk, salsa, and Tin Pan Alley in music. In 2005, nearly 170 languages were spoken in the city and 36% of its population was born outside the United States. With its 24-hour subway and constant bustling of traffic and people, New York is known as "The City That Never Sleeps".

Central Park, at the very heart (if not *the* very heart) of New York City, is one of the most inspiring combinations of architecture, landscape design, and urban planning to be found anywhere on the face of the earth. It ranks as a symbol of New York City only behind the Statue of Liberty and the Empire State Building. Unlike these two, however, Central Park is dynamic, vibrant; a constantly changing counterpoint to the brilliant, but static, architectural achievements that surround it.

Everything is an event in New York City. Every part of your experience here will enhance your process of learning how to teach English. Discovering the city and its people is the best way to practice your new English teaching skills. In the evening, you can enjoy a spectacular view of the New York City Skyline – an event that attracts many visitors.

# TEFL Training Center

Our centre, the IELI at Hunter College, is located at 695 Park Avenue on the fashionable East Side of Manhattan. The Via Lingua TEFL program is offered at the ELT Institute and the International English Language Institute (IELI); both are part of [Hunter College](#) of the [City University of New York](#) (CUNY). Hunter College is a comprehensive teaching, research and service institution, long committed to excellence and access of undergraduate and graduate students in the liberal arts and sciences, as well as in several



professional fields: education, health sciences, nursing and social work. Hunter College has long enjoyed a distinguished reputation for liberal arts and sciences and professional schools.

The IELI has offered courses in English as a Second Language (ESL) and EFL Training since 1950. The IELI serves over 3,500 students per year, in courses ranging from beginner to Bridge-to-College. Our professional Faculty uses the newest text books and technology to give you a first-class learning experience. Social events include cultural outings, coffee-hours, holiday parties, and day trips to places of general interest. Our centre, the IELI at Hunter College, is located at 695 Park Avenue on

the fashionable East Side of Manhattan. Our classrooms are located in the heart of New York, offering easy access to exploring all the best shopping, entertainment, and tourist sites New York City has to offer. The building is spacious and comfortable, with large classrooms, whiteboards and resource materials.

Hunter College, located in the heart of bustling Manhattan, is the largest college in the City University of New York (CUNY) system. Founded in 1870, it is also one of the oldest public colleges in the country. Currently, 21,000 students attend Hunter, pursuing both undergraduate and graduate degrees in more than 170 different programs of study.

Hunter College is famous for the diversity of its student body, which is as diverse as New York City itself. For nearly 140 years, it has provided educational opportunities for women and minorities, and today, students from every walk of life and every corner of the world convene at Hunter in pursuit of the American Dream.

Hunter students are uniquely committed to their educations and their futures. Though the great majority hold jobs, most are the first in their families to attend college. Their level of academic and professional achievement is extraordinary. They are published authors, community activists, exhibited artists, and civic leaders. Many go on to top professional and graduate programs, winning Fulbright scholarships, Mellon fellowships, National Institutes of Health grants, and other rare and competitive honors. Hunter graduates make a mark wherever they go, but the vast majority choose to give back locally -- If you come across an important artist, author, educator, government official, health professional, researcher, scientist, or social-service professional in New York City, there's a good chance he or she went to Hunter.

The 1,700 full- and part-time members of Hunter's faculty are unparalleled. Thanks to the diverse and uniquely engaged student body, the abundance of New York's academic resources, and the ever-growing opportunities for teaching and research, Hunter attracts many of the nation's top scholars. They receive prestigious national grants, contribute to the world's leading academic journals, and play major roles in cutting-edge research. They are fighting cancer, formulating public policy, expanding our culture, enhancing technology, and more.

Most importantly, they are bringing their skills and knowledge to bear on the next generation of scientists, public servants, artists, nurses, social workers, health care professionals, scholars, and other citizens of the world by placing their highest priority on the classroom. As mentors and lecturers, advisers and seminar leaders, the Hunter College faculty are second to none.

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Note: We are authorized to enroll New York City residents, visitors on tourist visas, diplomats, and international students. We are also authorized to issue I-20 forms.

## Food and clothing:



Summer in New York is often hot, humid, sticky, and sometimes oppressive. And that's outside, never mind the subways. Temps range from 70-95 and can get north of 100 occasionally, but highs are usually in the mid to upper 80's.

What to Wear: Bring an umbrella and anticipate torrential downpours. Otherwise, wear light clothing: natural fibers are best, especially cotton, and be sure that the sleeves are short.

The highlight of the summer is most certainly Macy's 4th of July Fireworks show, when the sky lights up like a million candles. The best place to view the show is from the FDR Drive from ~14th to 40th or from the Brooklyn Heights Promenade area across the water. Roaming Central Park is essential. Sheep Meadow becomes a sunbathers' paradise and other smaller places like Madison Square Park are no slouches for sun-worshippers either. Get yourself some Shakespeare in the Park tickets for a genuine NYC experience, or just as well get to Central Park SummerStage. On the west side of Manhattan, get to River Rocks or River Flix at the Hudson River Park. Harlem Week paradoxically runs through the month of August. There's still Mets and Yankees games, though a night game is probably better to avoid baking in the sun. There are boats and ferries out on the harbor so making an inquiry about a captained fishing trip is a good way to spend a quieter day. Enjoy an ice cream cone from vans marked Mr. Softee for a cheap, cooling treat. Check out the movie theatres to see summer blockbusters that may not be available in Europe or Asia for some time after your visit.

The U.S. Open Tennis Tournament kicks off in late August out in Flushing, Queens. Get to the Bohemian Hall & Beer Garden out in Astoria, Queens on the way back. It's the city's largest outdoor beer garden, and beer is cheap by NYC standards at ~\$12 a pitcher for imports! Additionally, if you are roasting like a hot dog at a barbecue, try taking a cab from the city out to Coney Island or Rockaways (a beach in Queens) for a nice time sitting on the beach, eating a picnic lunch, and playing in the water. If you prefer something more for families take the kids to the Bronx Zoo: it is nice and shady even on the hottest days, it is one of the largest zoos in the nation with exhibits that should interest everyone, some attractions are air conditioned, and there are plenty of places to dip your hands in water.

## Accommodation:

While you study at our center, diverse living accommodations are arranged for your convenience and comfort to optimise your visit to New York City. These accommodations provide you with an ideal study environment, as well as the opportunity to enhance your cross-cultural experience of teaching English through meeting, living and socializing with people from all over the world. New York Residence Halls provide comfortable and clean, single and double rooms with a variety of services you may require. Many hotels are located near the centre if that meets your needs. Our centre can be reached on foot or by public transportation from all accommodations. Host families and residences are only available for the duration of your enrollment in classes. Accommodation for the New York Institute will consist of a private room (starting at \$200/wk) located either in or around New York, New Jersey or a hostel room in Manhattan (starting at \$29/night in a room for four people). All rooms are within easy reach of restaurants, bars, and entertainment sites. Please remember: accommodation in New York City is more expensive.

If you would like to live more luxuriously, there are hotel rooms available starting at \$150 per night. Please be assured that any special requests or requirements regarding accommodation will be taken into account, and TEFL Institute will make every effort to comply. Please contact us with your accommodation requirements right away, so that we may make arrangements for you.

## Communication, Telephone and Internet

Rates for wireless and fixed-line long-distance service and operator-assisted calls can vary widely. International visitors might find it economical to purchase SIM cards with New York phone numbers here rather than receiving calls with their home country's wireless number. However, it pays to shop around as there is enormous variety of both calling plans and pre-paid services available. Always ask for a written contract and ensure you know exactly what service you will be receiving and whether you can cancel the contract if dissatisfied!

Public payphones use US coin currency, and in New York City generally cost \$0.25 or \$0.50 for a local call. The most reliable way to ensure you get good phone rates for long distance and international calls is to purchase a prepaid phone calling card. These prepaid phone cards usually will offer very competitive rates, and they may be purchased in a variety of denominations. You will find them at most convenience stores and newsstands.

In the United States, all telephone numbers are seven digits long. In New York City you must dial an additional four numbers before the main seven. These are the prefix 1 plus a three digit number known as the 'area code.' There are four area codes in New York City: two for Manhattan, 212 and 646, and two in the outer boroughs, 718 and 347. To place calls in New York City, you must always dial 1 plus the area code and number. This means every time you dial, 11 digits will be pushed (1 + the 3 digit area code + the seven digit number). If you ever have a problem, simply dial the number 0 and ask for the operator who will further assist you. However, if the operator places the call for you, note that substantial additional charges may apply.

Most long-distance and international calls can be dialed directly from any phone. For calls within the United States and to Canada, dial 1 followed by the area code and the seven-digit number. For other international calls, dial 011 followed by the country code, city code, and the telephone number of the person you are calling. Toll-free voice-activated directory information may be obtained by dialling 1-800-555-1212. Just say what you are looking for (example: "American Airlines"). If your search is unsuccessful, then say "operator" to be connected to a live operator.

VoIP services are increasingly popular in the United States, but can be difficult for a first-time traveler to navigate. In any event, Vonage and Skype are two quite distinct yet frequently used services. The former requires a subscription but the latter can be used by anyone with a credit card to purchase minutes.

**Internet Access:** Most public libraries offer internet access, and there are many Internet cafes throughout the city that rent workstations by the minute. The biggest is located in Times Square. In addition, if you have a wireless laptop or PDA, many cafes and restaurants now offer wireless internet access for little or no fee. One of the most reliable networks is offered by the coffee chain Starbucks, which has outlets conveniently located all over the city. You might also find wireless networks you can utilize free in some places in Manhattan. If you have a wireless laptop connection, you will be astounded how many places in Manhattan can pick up free wi-fi service.