



ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

MISSION STATEMENT

Preamble

As a self-supporting unit of the university, the ELI maintains rigor in its academic standards and the flexibility to seek out and create new opportunities. It serves as a campus, local, national, and international resource for teaching English to speakers of other languages.

Mission

The English Language Institute (ELI) specializes in English language teaching by creating compelling learning experiences for students and teachers around the world. We promote intercultural interaction and respect for diverse worldviews among students and faculty on campus and in the international community.

Goals

1. To provide top tier academic and cultural programs that will improve the English proficiency of students in three types of programs:
 - an intensive English program for successful academic performance at the university level
 - customized language programs (special programs) for groups of international students
 - teacher-training programs and technology seminars for educators throughout the world
2. To serve as a local, national, and international expert in matters related to second and foreign language instruction, curriculum design, educational technology, and intercultural communication.
 - ELI faculty regularly share teaching practices and research through professional publications, workshops, and presentations at regional, national, and international conferences.
 - ELI faculty also provide leadership in professional organizations, administer grants, and consult on program design, materials development, and computer-assisted language learning.
3. To communicate with students, sponsors, the community, government agencies, and academic partners to identify needs and concerns, respond quickly to those needs, and create appropriate systems for improvement.
4. To enhance international involvement, understanding, and goodwill at Oregon State University through:
 - English language skill assessment of students and international graduate teaching assistants
 - English language coursework for conditionally-admitted students at OSU
 - co-curricular opportunities for domestic and international students at OSU
 - internships and course offerings for the College of Education
 - work experience and assistantships for students in a multicultural environment
 - support in development and implementation of policies related to international students
 - creation of customized courses for individuals and groups as requested by departments
 - support for international student recruitment efforts