



Wisconsin ESL Institute

TEACHING ENGLISH SINCE 1981





30+ YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

SCHOOL PROFILE

WESLI (Wisconsin English Second Language Institute) was established in 1981 in Madison, Wisconsin. The school offers 7 levels of English courses for students who wish to attend undergraduate or graduate school in the U.S., improve their English for professional situations, or study English for self-improvement.



SMALL CLASSES AND UNIQUE ENVIRONMENT

WESLI has an average of 200 students who come from all over the world. Usually, at least 25 countries are represented each session. WESLI provides free airport pickup, housing assistance, and university counseling for students. WESLI is accredited by The Commission on English Language Program Accreditation (CEA), is a member of the American Association of Intensive English Programs (AAIEP) and is authorized under federal law to enroll non-immigrant alien students. More information about WESLI can be obtained from our website at www.wesli.com.

SAFE, FRIENDLY, BEAUTIFUL, & FUN

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WESLI is located in downtown Madison, capital of the state of Wisconsin. Madison is two and a half hours northwest of Chicago and one hour west of Milwaukee by car. This area of the United States is called the "Midwest." The cost of living and studying in the Midwest is much lower than it is on the East and West Coasts.



People in the Midwest speak standard English, the type of English that is accepted everywhere. WESLI is near the University of Wisconsin, and 25% of Madison's population is students. That means that Madison is a very safe city with many recreational activities and social clubs. Madison consistently ranks as a top city in the U.S.A. for safety, beauty, education, affordability, recreational & cultural opportunities, and for the general quality of life. With four lakes, Madison is a truly beautiful city.



TEACHERS AND STAFF

WESLI is as much a family as a school. WESLI's best references come from recommendations of satisfied students who work hard studying English but also have fun. WESLI's challenging but family-like atmosphere comes from its special staff, professionals who relate to students personally as well as assist them academically. Most of the faculty (many of whom have M.A.s) speak two or more languages, have years of teaching experience both abroad and in the U.S., and have taught at WESLI for over 10 years.



CLASSES AND SCHEDULE:

WESLI offers 7 levels of English courses ranging from Low Beginning to High Advanced (see our sample course list here or current session course list on our website). The classes at WESLI have an average of only 10 students. When students arrive at WESLI, they take a placement test. Students take one level per session. A session is about two months long. Full-time students take 18 – 22 hours of classes per week. They should expect 10-15 hours of homework per week. At the end of each session students register for classes for the following session if they wish to continue their studies. (Please see our session dates and cost estimation on the application form or on our website.)

WESLI Course List

7 Levels of Intensive English

(Each class is 2 hours long, and is held either 3 days/week or 2 days/week)

Beginning Levels

(100 - 300)

- Grammar
- Reading
- Writing
- Listening and Speaking

Intermediate Levels

(400-500)

- Grammar
- Reading
- Writing
- Academic Listening and Speaking
- Pronunciation
- Communication & Culture

Advanced Levels

(600-700)

- Grammar
- Academic Reading and Writing
- Academic Listening and Speaking
- Pronunciation
- Communication and Culture
- Reading and Discussion
- International Business Essentials
- Essential Vocabulary
- Business
- Slang, Listening, and Everyday English
- Current Topics and Public Speaking Skills
- TOEFL Preparation: Writing

- TOEFL Preparation: Reading, Listening and Speaking
- IELTS Preparation
- University Colleges for-credit courses (Anthropology 101 or Business 101)

The actual course schedule for each session is updated on our website www.wesli.com

WESLI ENGLISH ONLINE COURSES

www.english.wesli.com
Students can study anywhere, anytime –24 hours a day!



**FREE
UNIVERSITY
COUNSELING!**

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OVERSEAS CONDITIONAL ADMISSION (OCA)

OCA is a university admission process by which a student whose English level is not high enough for full admission can get a letter of conditional admission. When the student has successfully completed WESLI's 700 level Academic classes, that student is admitted for the next semester of university. A WESLI recommendation may be used to demonstrate English proficiency instead of a TOEFL or IELTS score.

WHO SHOULD GET AN OCA? If a student is from a country where it is quite difficult to get a student visa, it often helps if a university accepts the student and requires him/her to come to WESLI to improve his/her English. The university or college will send a letter of conditional admission and WESLI will write that fact on the student's I-20.

HOW CAN A STUDENT GET AN OCA? WESLI's University Advisor can help students who are academically and financially qualified apply for OCA.

FINDING THE RIGHT U.S. UNIVERSITY

While at WESLI the University Advisor will help students choose a university program, fill out the application forms and arrange to take the necessary tests. There is no extra charge for this service. WESLI's recommendation can be used in place of TOEFL and IELTS scores for most undergraduate programs and some graduate programs in Wisconsin.



PART-TIME UNIVERSITY COURSES:

If a student is qualified, WESLI can help arrange part-time classes for academic credit at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Edgewood College, Herzing University, Lakeland College, Madison College, Upper Iowa University, or UW Colleges.

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RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES:

WESLI's Activities Coordinator plans parties, recreational activities and local trips, and helps you find volunteer opportunities so you can improve your English outside of class. Some planned activities are free; others have a fee.

AIRPORT PICK-UP:

WESLI will pick you up at the Madison airport and take you to your dormitory or homestay family. Please send us your arrival information at least two weeks in advance.

CONVERSATION HOURS AND WRITING CENTER:

WESLI teachers will help you with your English at regularly scheduled conversation hours and in the writing center.

COMPUTER AND STUDY ROOMS:

WESLI has a computer room, a wireless network, and a study room. You can do your homework on the computers, and you also have free and fast Internet access through cable or wireless connections.

HELP WITH EVERYDAY LIFE:

WESLI staff will help you with opening a bank account, finding doctors, and solving problems.



FUN ACTIVITIES, CONVERSATION HOURS & MORE!



COMFORTABLE & AFFORDABLE!

WESLI's Housing Coordinator will arrange housing for you in the WESLI dormitory or in a homestay with an American family. In shared housing situations, the Housing Coordinator makes every effort to place students from different countries together and will also help you with any problems you might have in your living situation. If you choose to live in the dormitory or with an American family, you must stay for two months (one WESLI session) before moving. These two options have about the same total cost. Please see the application form for current information on housing prices.



HOMESTAY WITH AN AMERICAN FAMILY:
Your American family may be a couple with or without children, or a single person. You will have a private room. Most families live 3 to 10 kilometers from WESLI, or about 15 to 45 minutes by bus. Most families do not permit smoking in the house. Most food is provided by the host family, but students might not always be able to go from WESLI back to their homestays for lunch, so students should plan on approximately \$100 per month extra for food.



DORMITORY:
In WESLI's dormitory, four students share a two-bedroom, two-bathroom apartment. There is a full kitchen and a living room in each suite. Suites are fully equipped with everything that students need: furniture, linens, pillows, towels, dishes, silverware, TV, DVD & CD player, telephone, and high speed internet access. The dormitory is located one block from WESLI. There are many interesting shops, restaurants, coffee houses, and parks in the area. The dormitory fee does not include meals.

STUDENT (F-1) VISA:

If your main purpose for coming to the U.S. is to study, you need a student visa. A student visa allows you to study full-time, and requires that you continue to study full-time during your stay in order to remain in the U.S. legally. A full-time English student must take at least 18 hours of class per week. Full-time students at WESLI usually study 20 hours per week.

I-20:

If you will apply for a student visa at the U.S. consulate in your country, you will need an I-20 to show you have been accepted by an educational institution in the U.S. To process your application and send an I-20 and acceptance materials to you, we must receive the following 4 items by email, fax or mail:

1 An Application Form. You can also find this form on WESLI's website (www.wesli.com), and submit it online.

2 Passport Information. A copy of the personal information page in your passport.

3 Financial Documentation. Proof that you have enough money to pay your tuition and live in Madison can be any one of the following (see application form for the amount required):

A – A copy of your personal bank statement.

B – A copy of your parents' or other sponsor's bank statement, with a signed letter saying that this person agrees to support you in the U.S.

C – A document from your government or the agency paying for your studies saying that they will pay for your expenses.

4 \$125 Application Fee. You can pay this fee by credit card (Visa or MasterCard), money order, or a personal check from a U.S. bank account.

To receive your I-20 by UPS, please enclose the mailing fee indicated on the application form.

Once WESLI receives these items, we will review your information and send your I-20 and acceptance materials within 2 business days.

When you enter the U.S. with WESLI's I-20, you must enroll at WESLI (not another school) within 30 days of your arrival.

WESLI is authorized under federal law to enroll non-immigrant alien students. Students must be at least 17 years old to study at WESLI. Students younger than 17 can be accepted only in some circumstances. Please contact us about your specific situation.





“When I first came to WESLI I had issues with grammar, writing, and listening and speaking, but WESLI helped me a lot. WESLI offers Free Conversation Hours which helped me talk, hear new vocab, and correct my mistakes. At first my writing wasn’t good, but it improved a lot thanks to my writing classes and also WESLI’s Free Writing Hour.”

– Mohammad Zawawi, Saudi Arabia



“Living in the dorm is very comfortable because it has a kitchen, a sofa, two bedrooms and two bathrooms. Also, it’s easy to make friends from different countries. Madison is an easy to love city because it’s safe and beautiful. People are friendly and there are many delicious restaurants and markets. I enjoy living in Madison!”

– Mini Miyazaki, Japan



“WESLI is the perfect English school for you. Each staff member is willing to listen and find a solution for all problems students may face. Classes are small and the maximum number of students per class is around fifteen. That makes students understand better and give feedback to each other. WESLI also gives students the chance to receive some college credits and then transfer them to universities.”

– Sayouba Savadogo, Burkina Faso



“WESLI is the right place to meet the goal of learning English. The daily activities in classes I have faced are as casual as academic. WESLI has also given me the opportunity to create a bond of brotherhood with people from different parts of the world. Through daily interaction, those people have become my family, my family of Madison.”

– Alejandra Hurtado, Venezuela
