The English Language Institute (ELI) is a year-round intensive English program for ESL students at North Central College, a private university located in Naperville, Illinois, 45 kilometers from downtown Chicago. Founded in 1861, North Central College is a four-year university that offers bachelor’s degrees in more than 55 academic programs and master’s degrees in six areas.

North Central’s beautiful campus is located in a quiet residential neighborhood just a two-minute walk from downtown Naperville, a safe and friendly city of more than 144,600. The university is also within walking distance of the train station where trains leave every hour to and from Chicago.

North Central College Important Facts

Student Enrollment
Undergraduate ........................................... 2,733
Graduate ...................................................... 229
International ............................................. 95
Countries represented ................................. 35

Degree-Seeking Scholarship Opportunities
• International Undergraduate: up to $20,000 per year
• Phi Theta Kappa: $3,000 per year
• Leadership in Cultural Exchange: up to $3,000 per year
• Performing arts (art, forensics, music, theatre)
• Science: $2,000 per year
• 95% of new students receive scholarships or grants

Unique Academic Opportunities
• Nationally recognized Model United Nations, Mock Trial, Forensics and Enactus teams
• Richter Grants for research
• Undergraduate research – independent or cooperative
• Chicago Term
• Study Abroad programs
• Summer Language Academy for high school students

Career Development
• Internships, work-related experiences and career exploration
• Job-search skills taught to all students

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North Central College
Naperville, Illinois, U.S.A.
(45 kilometers west of Chicago)
The English Language Institute (ELI) offers English language classes for beginning to advanced level students in Reading, Writing, Listening/Speaking and Culture. Students are tested and placed in the appropriate level upon arrival.

High-Quality Programming
- Beginning to advanced levels of English instruction
- Conditional admission to North Central College for undergraduate students
- 20 hours of instruction per week with lab and tutoring sessions
- Academic, cultural and professional skill development
- Small, challenging classes with students from all over the world
- Professional ESL instructors with international teaching experience

Outstanding Student Services and Opportunities
- Opportunity to start university courses while enrolled in the Institute
- No TOEFL score required before starting the Institute
- Access to all university facilities (library, fitness center, language resource center)
- Elective courses in TOEFL Preparation, Business English, Chicago Cultures, Service Learning
- Conversation Partners, Friendship Families, International Club

Academic Excellence
- One of Forbes magazine’s “America’s Top Colleges”
- One of Princeton Review’s “Best Midwestern Colleges”
- Research, internship and volunteer opportunities
- Academic merit scholarships available for degree-seeking students

Safe, Accessible Location
- A suburban campus 45 kilometers from Chicago
- Walking distance to downtown Naperville and to Chicago trains
- Naperville is one of Money Magazine’s “Best Places to Live”
- Easy access to Chicago O’Hare International Airport with direct flights to and from many cities worldwide

Student Life
The ELI helps students learn English by connecting them to activities and events, both on campus and locally. The International Club includes U.S. and international students and hosts many events, outings and meetings every term. Students can participate in academic and cultural trips to Chicago and get to know the local community through activities like service learning, Friendship Families and Conversation Partners. These opportunities help students learn English faster and create lifelong relationships.

Housing and Meals
ELI students live with undergraduate students in residence halls and have full access to all services and facilities. Students choose a meal plan that fits their schedules, and students have access to foods prepared according to cultural and dietary needs. The dining hall is also a wonderful place to learn about classmates and practice English.

Visa Options
- F-1 visa students may enroll full time in the ELI, fulfilling government requirements.
- Students on other nonimmigrant visas may enroll according to the regulations governing each visa.
- Community members may enroll as full- or part-time students.

Application Checklist
Eight weeks before the start of the term, ELI applicants must submit:
- Completed and signed application form with $100 application fee
- Copy of passport identification page
- Proof of financial support (for F-1 visa students)
- Appropriate visa information (see ELI Application, page 2)
- Optional documents: TOEFL/IELTS score report, high school/university transcripts/diploma
- Additional admission documents required for transfer students and U.S. permanent residents.

Please visit the ELI website for application documents: northcentralcollege.edu/eli

All admission documents must be mailed to:

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English Language Institute
30 N. Brainard Street, CM 276
Naperville, IL 60540 USA

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