



SAELL Intensive English Program

Overview

The School for the Advancement of English Language and Learning (SAELL) is Northeastern's Intensive English Program. We are located in Chicago, Illinois, USA, but we serve students from around the world.

SAELL was designed for non-native speakers of English who have a strong desire to improve their English proficiency. Our goal is to prepare students to succeed in their future academic or professional use of English.

Program of Study

SAELL conducts its English classes in three semesters per year.

- Fall: August – December
- Spring: January – May
- Summer: May – August

Our program has 3 CORE classes:

- Listening & Speaking
- Reading & Writing
- Grammar

We also offer optional electives such as Academic Vocabulary and Academic Writing.

Our program has four levels of classes. The following score ranges are approximate and may vary based on individual skill area scores.

LEVEL	Score Ranges		
	CEFR	TOEFL	IELTS
Level 1	A2	< 450	< 4.0
Level 2	B1	450 - 480	4.0 - 5.0
Level 3	B1/B2	480 - 500	5.0 - 6.0
Level 4	B2	500 <	6.0 - 7.0

Admission

The application can be found on our website: neiu.edu/saell

International students should pay particular attention to the immigration information: admissions.neiu.edu/international-applicants

Attending Northeastern

During the Fall and Spring semesters, our classes are offered from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. - 4 p.m., Monday - Thursday.

International students are required to attend 18 hours of classes per week. US resident students can attend the same Intensive English Program schedule, or they can select one or more individual classes of interest.

Housing: Students in the Intensive English Program may be eligible to live on campus in The Nest. Find out more at neiu.edu/housing. Apartments are also readily available to rent in the immediate area.

Contact Us

If your organization has specific English training needs, the SAELL staff is ready to work with you to develop a custom program tailored to meet your needs.

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