

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE INSTITUTE KICKS OFF 2013 FALL WITH NEW CURRICULA AND RECORD-HIGH ENROLLMENT

August 19, 2013 kicks off the first of the five 8-week English as a Second Language (ESL) sessions in the 2013-2014 academic year with new curricula and a record-high enrollment.

A Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) accredited university ESL program, one of the few ESL programs among all the 105 HBCUs in the U.S., and a member of the American Association of Intensive English Programs (AAIEP), the English as a Second Language Institute (ESLI) at Jackson State University® has added on an ESL endorsement to the Jackson State University® curricula since 1997. It offers non-credit courses in English as a second language to entering internationals who plan to enroll in academic programs, international students who require further English refinement, survival English training for internationals and new immigrants, and iBT TOEFL preparation for college-oriented internationals and certain job-oriented individuals.

Today, ESLI at JSU has accepted international students to study from 57 countries in four (4) continents, including Africa: Algeria, Angola, Cameroon, Guinea, Kenya, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Somali, Sudan, etc; Americas: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, Venezuela, etc; Asia: China, Cambodia, India, Iran, Iraq, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Myanmar, Pakistan, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Syria, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkmenistan, Turkey, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, Yemen, etc; Europe: Czech Republic, Moldova, Poland, Russia, Serbia, Ukraine, etc.

This month, ESLI is welcoming about 70 international students from four (4) continents. They are going to study the newly renovated curricula: ISC100: Introduction to Speech and Comprehension; IWSA100: Introduction to English Written and Spoken

Applications; WSW100: Writing and Speaking Workshop; EC200: English Communications; WSW200: Writing and Speaking Workshop; CVA200: Comprehension and Verbal Applications; IT200: iBT TOEFL; CVA300: Comprehension and Verbal Applications; SCP300: Speech and Comprehension Proficiency; WSA300: Written and Spoken Applications; IT300: iBT TOEFL; CVA400: Comprehension and Verbal Applications; EC400: English Communications; WSS400: Writing and Speaking Seminar; IT400: iBT TOEFL; CVA500: Comprehension and Verbal Applications; EC500: English Communications; PF500: Portfolio - Academic Bridge Project; IT500: iBT TOEFL.

Along with quality academic programs, ESLI provides a myriad of cultural activities and events featuring local history, ethnicity, diversity, and the performing arts to JSU international students, and these activities are open to JSU American students as well. To name a few: Celtic Fest, Festival Latino, Broadway plays, Old Capitol museum, Manship House, Governor's Mansion, Eudora Welty gardens, etc. Meanwhile, international students in the ESL Program will have opportunities to explore Southern language and culture through different trips to: Natchez, MS; Vicksburg, MS; New Orleans, LA; Memphis, TN. Along with cultural activities, events and trips, students will also have opportunities to give back to the community through community outreach services: serving lunch at Stewpot Community Kitchen; volunteering in Habitat for Humanity Build; giving loving gifts to the needy children all over the world by participating in the Shoe Boxes for Operation Christmas Child. In addition, during the annual International Education Week in November, ESLI students will go to schools and after school centers to tell and share the stories about their countries. They will also represent their countries in enhancing global academic and cultural diversity on Jackson State University® campus during the JSU's annual International Week that takes place the second week in April.

