

Learn English at Pratt

Intensive English Program

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Come study English in the global center of art and design.

The Intensive English Program (IEP) provides academic English-language instruction to matriculated graduate and undergraduate students. In addition, two certificate programs run under the IEP's umbrella: the full-time Certificate of English Proficiency (CEP) and the Summer Certificate Program (SCP) in English Proficiency.

OUR PROGRAMS

Creative learners require creative approaches. Our courses focus on language and academic skill development through art- and design-related classes. Pratt Institute's fully qualified English-as-a-second-language (ESL) faculty aim to help students think critically and thrive in academic and studio environments. The mission of all our programs is to support successful matriculation of international students by providing English-language instruction. Internal assessment ensures students' proper placement in English-language classes and counseling helps them successfully complete coursework. The curriculum includes art, architecture, and design content and is enhanced by field trips and language-learning technology.

Summer Certificate Program (SCP) in English Proficiency

The SCP offers students of art, design, and architecture the opportunity to study English full time during the summer session.

Certificate of English Proficiency (CEP)

The CEP offers students of art, design, and architecture the opportunity to study English full time during the fall and spring semesters.

Intensive English Program (IEP)

Both certificate programs are overseen by the IEP, which is housed in the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The IEP provides academic English-language instruction to matriculated Pratt graduate and undergraduate students.

SUMMER CERTIFICATE PROGRAM (SCP) IN ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

The SCP is the ideal environment for new students who need to raise their English proficiency levels before beginning studio and lecture courses at an art college. Students work on all language skill areas, including reading, writing, speaking, and listening, all while acclimating to life in New York. The program includes the Pratt Studio Experience and field trips in New York (see back of brochure).

Schedule: The program runs for eight weeks and meets for six hours per day, Monday through Thursday.

Eligibility: Accepted, prospective, and non-matriculating students may apply.

What will you study?

SCP students will:

- Read a wide variety of texts, including works of theory and literature as well as news and scholarly articles.
- Practice, prepare, and deliver formal presentations on subjects related to their reading and work as artists and designers.
- Interact with a variety of native speakers, including specialists in art and design fields.
- Practice academic skills such as note-taking and classroom discussion.
- Write several essays (argumentative, expository, and research-based).

- Learn to develop and defend clear arguments and use formal citations.
- Gain mastery over fundamental skills such as correct paragraphing, grammar, and usage.

SCP Admission

The SCP is open to current and prospective Pratt students, other international students seeking admission to colleges and universities, and individuals interested in creative and personalized English-as-a-second-language instruction. The program offers students an ideal opportunity to improve their English-language skills before the start of the fall semester each year. Students' English proficiency levels (as determined by the IEP faculty) may affect the content and number of Institute courses in which they can enroll. Summer courses may help students become eligible to carry additional credit-bearing courses or to become exempt from the IEP requirement altogether. Students who enroll in the SCP program are not required to take the English Placement Exam during Pratt's orientation.

Please note: If you have been accepted for the fall semester and would like to get a head start on your English, you must apply for the SCP I-20 in addition to applying for your fall I-20. We strongly recommend that all students who received TOEFL scores below 600 PBT/250 CBT/100 iBT enroll in the SCP.

For more information and to apply online, visit www.pratt.edu/iep or email cep@pratt.edu

CERTIFICATE OF ENGLISH PROFICIENCY (CEP)

The CEP is a one-year, full-time program designed for students of art, design, and architecture who intend to continue in their fields of study at Pratt or other art colleges in the United States. Students who are accepted for the CEP program are issued I-20 forms from Pratt for two semesters of English instruction on our Brooklyn campus. The CEP program curriculum emphasizes practical, communicative, student-centered instruction in every aspect of English reading, writing, speaking, listening, and accuracy.

Schedule: The program runs for 15 weeks (six hours per day; Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday) during two semesters: fall and spring.

Eligibility: Accepted Pratt students, students who are interested in applying to Pratt, and students who will not attend Pratt can apply for the program. The program is helpful to students who have not yet achieved the necessary TOEFL score for admission, as well as for students who recognize the need to improve their level of English proficiency before matriculating in a degree program at the Institute or elsewhere.

What will you study?

Each semester, students take four skill-focused, content-based courses designed to prepare them for academic and creative success beyond the CEP program. Most courses have themes related to students' interests and future careers in art and design. During their courses, students investigate such topics as public space design, art and technology, film as art, the nature of beauty, artists and society, and minimalism/maximalism.

Speaking and Listening

Speaking and Listening classwork and homework include conversation, discussion, presentations, and listening activities. Field trips to museums, galleries, design studios, and other places of cultural interest are an essential part of this course.

Reading

In the Reading course, students read, respond to, analyze, and discuss a wide variety of texts, most of them connected in some way to art, design, or architecture. Course goals include improving reading speed and comprehension and helping students expand their academic vocabularies.

Writing

In this course, students will review or be exposed to the basic conventions of academic compositions in American English. Students will have several opportunities to read sample essays and give feedback to each other on their own essays, as well as to work on their research skills.

Accuracy

In the Accuracy course, students examine and ask questions about the grammatical form of the English-language. There is an emphasis not just on grammar rules, but on how native speakers actually speak and write.



CEP Admission

The CEP program enrollment is limited; not all applicants to the program will be accepted. Those international students wishing to apply to the CEP must complete a program application, a SEVIS I-20 request form (information is available online at www.pratt.edu/iep), and a statement of purpose prior to the admission deadlines for each semester. Upon acceptance, enrollees will be required to take an English-language examination for placement purposes. Completion of the CEP program in no way guarantees or implies current or future acceptance into any Pratt degree-conferring program following certification. Participants are not allowed to enroll in or attend credit-bearing undergraduate or graduate classes while studying in the CEP. Students who start the CEP in the fall may need to remain in the program for two semesters. Applications to degree programs must be made separately. Please note that most degree programs at Pratt do not admit new students in the spring. We recommend the CEP for students with TOEFL scores below the required minimum for each Pratt department.

"The CEP taught me something new every single day, and I still apply what the CEP gave me to my art study."

— Manasrawee Wongpradu, CEP Graduate, Spring 2011;
A.O.S. Graphic Design '13



Pratt Studio Experience

A special feature of the SCP and CEP programs is the Pratt Studio Experience. The Studio Experience aims to give students a taste of the atmosphere of studio classes in North America, so that when they begin their graduate or undergraduate degrees they are prepared for the cultural and linguistic demands of studio learning. Pratt's SCP program features projects and lessons led by graduate students, or "studio mentors," from Pratt's architecture, design, and fine arts programs. The projects that students create under the mentors' guidance help them develop their language and academic skills as they simultaneously improve their English. Once students complete a project, they will participate in oral critiques of one another's work under the guidance of their studio mentor and will present their best projects in a gallery show at the end of the session.

Field Trips in New York

Students in the SCP, CEP, and IEP all venture off campus for field trips to learn more about life in the United States and navigate the wonders of New York City. Destinations may include museums such as the Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum, the Museum of Modern Art, the Guggenheim, and The Metropolitan Museum of Art; tours of neighborhoods such as Brooklyn Heights, the Lower East Side, and Washington Heights; and visits to other attractions such as the High Line, the Tenement Museum, and the Louis Armstrong House Museum.

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