

KEY MESSAGES**English as a Second Language (ESL) Program**

- Language Courses for the Greater Rochester Community and UR International Students -

1. The University of Rochester's English as a Second language program was established to serve as a way for our international community to learn and practice the English language and understand American culture. International students, professionals, and community members—both within and outside of the University—are able to attend ESL courses which include four distinct courses that run during the fall and spring semesters and an intensive summer program.
 - Students do not have to be a part of the University's matriculated or non-matriculated student body to enroll in the ESL program.
 - ESL is a well-established program that the University is proud to offer.
 - Students will leave the program with a better understanding of the English language and U.S. culture.
 - Class participants are diverse. ESL students come from many different regions of the globe.
 - Oral and written tests are given at the beginning and end of each class for placement and/or evaluation purposes.
 - Students that participate in the program typically need assistance with their English proficiency in addition to assimilation to American culture.
 - The professors of the courses are established and well-trained individuals who specialize in ESL teaching methods and genuinely care about the success of each individual in the program.

2. The UR Office of Special Programs and Part-Time Studies takes a special interest in the education of Upstate New York's community.
 - Our office offers myriad credit and non-credit classes and thought-provoking seminars for adults, senior citizens, professionals, and educators.
 - Beyond our adult programs, our office offers multiple programs for youth to help students expand their minds, take educational adventures, and learn in a challenging and fun environment.

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