Torrance Adult School

TORRANCE ADULT SCHOOL

English as a Second Language (ESL) Catalog

FALL 2026 SEMESTER

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ESL - English as a Second Language

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ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Fall 2026 Semester: August 31, 2026 – January 22, 2027

Registration Begins July 1

Register Now

Enrollment Webpage



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **English as a Second Language (ESL)** is a basic education program designed for non-native English speakers who want to improve their English skills. ESL classes help students develop English speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills needed for the workplace, everyday life, community involvement, continued education, and lifelong learning.
- **Torrance Adult School (TAS) ESL classes are FREE.**
- TAS ESL classes are located at the Griffith Center & Hamilton Center.

Visit the TAS Website for our Policies & Procedures.

ATTENTION: NEW SEMESTER SYSTEM

TAS is transitioning to a **two-semester academic calendar** beginning in Fall 2026!

This change will provide students with longer instructional periods, increased opportunities for skills development, and a more consistent academic schedule. Please review the course listings carefully, as program start dates, class schedules, and course lengths may differ from previous terms.

IMPORTANT DATES

Fall 2026 Registration Dates

- July 1: Online Registration Begins
- Aug 5: Open Enrollment (Walk-In Registration) Begins

School Holidays (No Classes)

- Sep 7: Labor Day
- Nov 11: Veterans Day
- Nov 23–27: Thanksgiving Break
- Dec 14–Jan 1: Winter Break

VOLUNTEER AT TAS

Want to help students from all over the world by helping them learn English?

- Learn techniques to help students learn English as you participate in their classes.
- Teachers will arrange flexible hours to suit your schedule.
- **Email tait.meredith@tusd.org**

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ESL COURSE SCHEDULES - GRIFFITH CAMPUS

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TORRANCE ADULT SCHOOL - GRIFFITH ADULT CENTER
2291 Washington Ave, Torrance, CA 90501

GRIFFITH MORNING CLASSES

Course	Day & Time	Location & Room	Instructor
Level 1	M–Th 8:30am–12:00pm	Griffith Adult Center Room 15	Rivera
Level 2	T–Th 8:30am–12:00pm	Griffith Adult Center Room 9	Nakatsuka
Level 3	M–Th 8:30am–12:00pm	Griffith Adult Center Room 14	Fujii
Level 4	M–Th 8:30am–12:00pm	Griffith Adult Center Room 2	Tan
Level 4	M–Th 8:30am–12:00pm	Griffith Adult Center Room 13	Niere
Level 5	M–F 8:30am–12:00pm	Griffith Adult Center Room 8	Lin
Level 6	M–Th 8:30am–12:00pm	Griffith Adult Center Room 4	Jenssen

GRIFFITH AFTERNOON CLASSES

Course	Day & Time	Location & Room	Instructor
ESL Conversation Levels 1-3	M–Th 12:30pm–2:45pm	Griffith Adult Center Room 14	Fujii
ESL Conversation Levels 4-5	M & W 12:30pm–3:00pm	Griffith Adult Center Room 8	Lin
ESL Conversation Levels 5-6	T & Th 12:30pm–3:00pm	Griffith Adult Center Room 8	Lin

GRIFFITH EVENING CLASSES

Course	Day & Time	Location & Room	Instructor
Level 1	T–Th 6:00pm–9:00pm	Griffith Adult Center Room 10	Azari
Level 2	T–Th 6:00pm–9:00pm	Griffith Adult Center Room 9	Nakatsuka
Level 3	T–Th 6:00pm–9:00pm	Griffith Adult Center Room 7	Muniz
Level 4	T–Th 6:00pm–9:00pm	Griffith Adult Center Room 3	Mar
Levels 5-6	T–Th 6:00pm–9:00pm	Griffith Adult Center Room 4	Jenssen

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ESL COURSE SCHEDULES - HAMILTON CAMPUS

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TORRANCE ADULT SCHOOL - HAMILTON ADULT CENTER
2606 W. 182nd St, Torrance, CA 90504

HAMILTON MORNING CLASSES

Course	Day & Time	Location & Room	Instructor
Level 1	M–Th 8:30am–12:00pm	Hamilton Adult Center Room 24	Evans
Level 2	M–Th 8:30am–12:00pm	Hamilton Adult Center Room 6	Koyadinovich
Level 3	M–Th 8:30am–12:00pm	Hamilton Adult Center Room 5	Lee
Level 4	M–Th 8:30am–12:00pm	Hamilton Adult Center Room 8	Mar
Level 5-6	M–Th 8:30am–12:00pm	Hamilton Adult Center Room 7	Vargas
ESL Pronunciation 1 (Multi-Level)	F 9:00am–10:15am	Hamilton Adult Center Room 5	Azari
ESL Pronunciation 2 (Multi-Level)	F 10:30am–11:45am	Hamilton Adult Center Room 5	Azari

HAMILTON AFTERNOON CLASSES

Course	Day & Time	Location & Room	Instructor
Introduction to Citizenship Preparation (Levels 3-6)	M 12:30pm–3:00pm	Hamilton Adult Center Room 7	Vargas
ESL Conversation Levels 1-3	M & W 12:45pm–3:15pm	Hamilton Adult Center Room 24	Niere
ESL Conversation Levels 4-6	T & Th 12:30pm–3:00pm	Hamilton Adult Center Room 7	Vargas

HAMILTON EVENING CLASSES

Course	Day & Time	Location & Room	Instructor
Levels 3-4	T–Th 6:30pm–8:30pm	Hamilton Adult Center Room 5	Lee

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U.S. CITIZENSHIP COURSES

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INTRODUCTION TO CITIZENSHIP PREPARATION

IMPORTANT: Open to ESL Levels 3-6. This is <u>not</u> a full citizenship preparation course - students who want to obtain U.S. citizenship must take the ESL Citizenship course offered in Fall / Winter / Spring.
This class is for English learners who can answer simple questions and maintain short conversations in English. It focuses on N-400 application questions, parts of the required tests, and answering interview questions in English.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Do you want to know about the U.S. Citizenship process? In this class, you will:

- Learn what happens during the citizenship interview.
- Practice answering common interview questions.
- Practice listening, responding, and dictation to help with the N-400 interview.
- Review some topics of the 100 Civics questions.

ESL Levels	Dates	Schedule	Instructor	Location
Levels 3-6	Sep 4 – Jan 15	M 12:30pm–3:00pm	Vargas	Hamilton Adult Center Room 7

DISTANCE LEARNING - CITIZENSHIP

IMPORTANT: Open to ESL Levels 3-6 and Native English Speakers who want to obtain U.S. Citizenship.
Students must register at the Hamilton or Griffith Main Office. For more information, call:
Hamilton Main Office - (310) 533-4689 ext. 8400
Griffith Main Office - (310) 533-4689 ext. 8300

COURSE DESCRIPTION

- Prepare for the U.S. Citizenship exam.
- Study U.S. History & Government, Civics, and English.
- Learn vocabulary for the NEW N-400 Naturalization Application.
- Practice for the oral interview.

ORIENTATION (REQUIRED)

- **All students MUST attend an orientation to meet the teacher and get more details about the course. Please see below for the orientation schedule:**
  - **In-Person Orientation:** Every Monday at 1:00pm, at Hamilton Adult Center Room 7.
  - **Online (Zoom) Orientation:** Every Wednesday at 1:00pm, Zoom link provided by instructor.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THIS CLASS

- Study from home using online lessons and meet with the teacher once a week to review your work.
- Meetings with the teacher can be online (Zoom) or in-person at Hamilton Adult Center Room 7.

ESL Levels	Dates	Schedule	Instructor	Location
Levels 3-6	Aug 31 – Jan 21	Determined by Instructor	Vargas	Online or Hamilton Adult Center Room 7

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ESL ELECTIVE COURSES

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ESL CONVERSATION - GRIFFITH CAMPUS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

- Use the English vocabulary and grammar you already know!
- Talk about your life in the United States and practice conversation for REAL LIFE situations.
- Learn today's English language (latest idioms and slang), and discuss current news topics.

ESL Levels	Dates	Schedule	Instructor	Location
Levels 1-3	Aug 31 – Jan 21	M–Th 12:30pm-2:45pm	Fujii	Griffith Adult Center Room 14
Levels 4-5	Aug 31 – Jan 20	M & W 12:30pm-3:00pm	Lin	Griffith Adult Center Room 8
Levels 5-6	Sep 1 – Jan 21	T & Th 12:30pm-3:00pm	Lin	Griffith Adult Center Room 8

ESL CONVERSATION - HAMILTON CAMPUS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

- Use the English vocabulary and grammar you already know!
- Talk about your life in the United States and practice conversation for REAL LIFE situations.
- Learn today's English language (latest idioms and slang), and discuss current news topics.

ESL Levels	Dates	Schedule	Instructor	Location
Levels 1-3	Aug 31 – Jan 20	M & W 12:30pm–3:15pm	Niere	Hamilton Adult Center Room 24
Levels 4-6	Sep 1 – Jan 21	T & Th 12:30pm–3:00pm	Vargas	Hamilton Adult Center Room 7

ESL PRONUNCIATION 1 - SOUND (MULTI-LEVEL)

IMPORTANT: Open to all ESL Levels.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

In this class, you will:

- Learn how to make the 44 basic sounds of English.
- Learn how to hear and identify the differences between similar English sounds.
- Learn how to speak more clearly and naturally in English.

ESL Levels	Dates	Schedule	Instructor	Location
Levels 1-6	Sep 4 – Jan 15	F 9:00am–10:15am	Azari	Hamilton Adult Center Room 5

ESL PRONUNCIATION 2 - MUSIC (MULTI-LEVEL)

IMPORTANT: Open to all ESL Levels.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

In this class, you will:

- Learn how to speak English more like a native speaker.
- Learn word stress, rhythm, intonation, linking, connected speech, and more.
- Learn how to use these new skills in conversations, job interviews, and presentations.

ESL Levels	Dates	Schedule	Instructor	Location
Levels 1-6	Sep 4 – Jan 15	F 10:30am–11:45am	Azari	Hamilton Adult Center Room 5

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ESL ONLINE COURSES

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ESL MULTI-LEVEL

CANCELLED

ATTENTION: This class is cancelled for the Fall 2026 semester. Please refer to ESL Distance Learning.

IMPORTANT: Open to ESL Levels 3-6 only. Learn English at home in an online class with a teacher!

COURSE DESCRIPTION

- Practice your reading, speaking, listening, and writing skills.
- Practice your conversation with classmates.

ESL Levels	Dates	Schedule	Instructor	Location
Levels 3-6	Sep 1 – Jan 21	T–Th 6:30pm–8:30pm	Staff	Online

ESL DISTANCE LEARNING

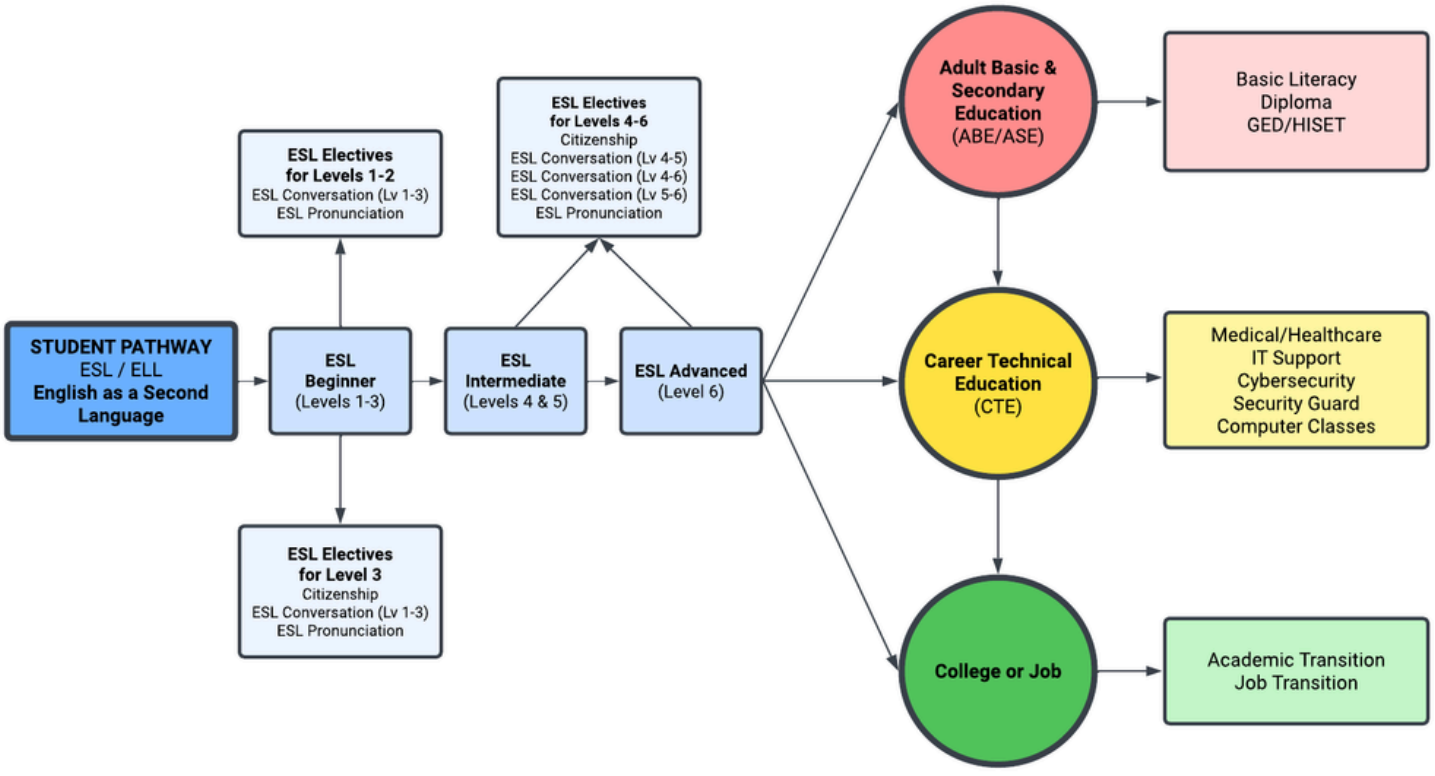
IMPORTANT: Open to ESL Levels 2-6 only.
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

- Meet with a teacher once a week - the teacher will answer your questions and review your work.
- Meetings with the teacher can be online or in-person at Griffith Adult Center Room 2.

ESL Levels	Dates	Schedule	Instructor	Location
Levels 2-6	Aug 31 – Jan 21	Determined by Instructor	Tan	Online or Griffith Adult Center Room 2

ESL STUDENT PATHWAY



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STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Services Available to All TAS Students

Academic Transitions
- College
- GED/HiSET Testing
- Certiport Testing

Job Transitions
- Resume
- Job Applications
- Interview Prep

Agency Referrals
- Employment
- Financial Aid
- Foreign Documents

Wellness Resources
- Mental Health
- Housing Assistance
- Transportation

Need Help? Contact Student Support Services!



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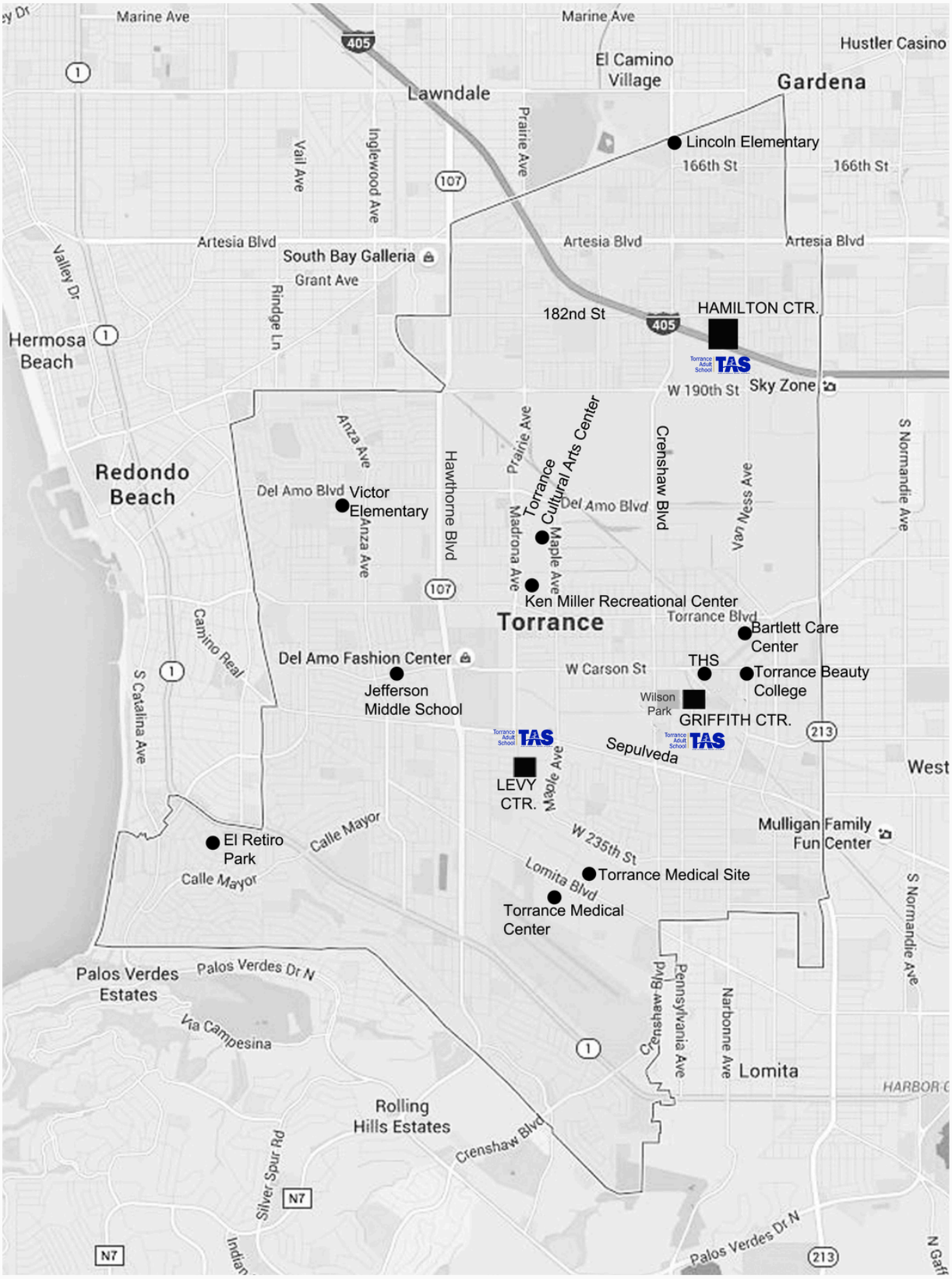
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2606 W. 182nd St, 90504
(310) 533-4689 ext. 8400

GRIFFITH CENTER (GAC)
2291 Washington Ave, 90501
(310) 533-4689 ext. 8300

LEVY CENTER (LAC)
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