

UNT IELI'S 44TH YEAR IN REVIEW

University of North Texas Intensive English Language Institute



IELI Continues to Offer Full Programs and Multiple Levels

We are grateful and proud to let the world know that UNT's IELI has continued to offer classes with multiple levels of proficiency despite the pandemic. Even with the disruption at many English programs, IELI has continued to offer at least four levels of instruction from March 2020 through April 2021. This ensures that students entering and continuing in our program are taught the right curriculum for their proficiency level.

Our Students' Diversity is Literally a Great Strength

In Spring 2021, IELI enrolled students from 19 different countries. Because IELI draws students from so many different nations, our students can meet and converse with global classmates and make friends from around the world. Also, because IELI is not dependent on only one or two countries for enrollment, we can count on continual enrollment even when an important country of origin is having trouble getting student visas.

FROM SEPT 2020 - APRIL 2021

33

IELI students participated in our English conversation partner program

26

countries were represented in our classes

9

Class sizes had an average of 9 students

4

At least 4 levels were offered in both Communication and Writing classes



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IELI Wins Prestigious Grant to Enroll Kazakhstani Professors in Remote Classes

IELI was one of only 5 American university departments to win a UniCEN grant sponsored by the U.S. Embassy in Kazakhstan and funded by the U.S. Department of State to partner with Kazakhstani universities in promoting TESOL instruction and STEM teaching in English. IELI partnered with both Akhmet Baitursynov Kostanay Regional University and Karaganda Technical University. Each university enrolled 10 of its English and STEM professors in IELI Communication classes during the Spring 2021 semester. Please watch and listen as Dr. Damira Jantassova, Chair of the English Department at KTU, expounds on the value of IELI classes for her university department professors at <https://www.facebook.com/unt.ieli/>

IELI has LIVE Classes 100% of the Time

With the pandemic effectively shutting down all schools since March 2020, IELI went to online, remote teaching. What differentiated IELI from many schools is that all of our classes were LIVE (Learning Interactive Virtual English). Each class was live with our awesome IELI faculty teaching students successfully in classrooms that inspired students joining live from the US, Latin America, Africa, Central Asia, the Middle East, and Eastern Asia.

Starting in Fall 2020, Donna Obenda and Gordon Clark, IELI Academic Administrators, taught locally-based IELI students in additional Face-to-Face classes on the UNT campus. This provided an opportunity for students to physically meet, learn, and speak together in a safely-spaced classroom environment.

Face-to-Face Classes in Fall 2021

Starting in Fall 2021, UNT and IELI will be completely back in the classroom! IELI will be providing HyFlex classes so that our students who are unable to travel to Texas can still enroll and interact with their classmates.

IELI Strengthens Partnership with Kansai Gaidai University

In 2014, IELI started a partnership of running an English for Academic Purposes with premier Japanese international exchange institution, Kansai Foreign Language University (Kansai Gaidai or KGU). In 2021, we are continuing this spectacular partnership with 9 full-time IELI Instructors teaching at KGU. Long-term leader Lindy Heidler completed her assignment at KGU. Alex Harris started as our new program director this year. Our dedicated faculty remained in Japan to provide quality instruction.

This past year when KGU and UNT were unable to send students on study abroad visits, we paired students with Conversation Partners of UNT students studying Japanese and KGU student studying English as Zoom Conversation Partners. Even a worldwide pandemic could not hinder our long-term partnership from continuing to provide excellent instruction in language, culture, and academic prep as well as foster Trans-Pacific Friendships.

Come join the UNT Mean Green Family!

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