How to Apply
• Application (www.otterbein.edu/apply)
• $50 application fee
• Official transcripts and graduation certificates
• Official Bank Statement and Sponsor Guarantee form

The ESL program accepts students from the high-beginner to advanced levels. At a minimum, students must have a 353 TOEFL PBT (21 iBT, 2.0 IELTS), or a 50 Duolingo to enroll. Students are required to take the ESL placement test at the start of the program.

Conditional admission is available to students that meet academic requirements, but still need additional language training to be successful in a U.S. classroom. Otterbein offers an English as a Second Language program on campus to help prepare students to become full-time degree seeking candidates.

Tuition
Students who wish to attend the ESL program at Otterbein pay tuition and fees at levels established especially for this program. The current tuition rate is $340 per credit hour ($6,120 per semester for full-time students). A non-refundable $150 enrollment fee is required to confirm your seat in the program. International students are also required to obtain insurance provided by the university, which costs approximately $125 per month.

Tuition includes access to:
• Otterbein library
• Computer labs, technology and free printing
• Gymnasium and weight training center
• Coin-free laundry facilities (if living in campus housing)
• On-campus events and activities such as theatre and arts, athletics and student organizations
• Otterbike, bike share program
• Books and course materials
• Small group conversation tables

Housing
Students of ESL at Otterbein are encouraged, but not required to live on campus. Housing preferences for on-campus or off-campus lodging should be communicated when the application is submitted. On campus housing in a traditional room (double) and board (150 meals per month) average $5,999 per semester.
An Integrated Approach

Learning a new language occurs when you are immersed in the culture in which the language is used. Rather than teaching skills in isolation, the English as a Second Language program (ESL) at Otterbein University uses a holistic method of language learning. The program combines language skills of speaking, listening, reading, and writing while developing academic skills such as research and note taking.

Inside the Classroom

- Focus on a variety of relevant and interesting topics.
- Engage in authentic communication.
- Be a part of a dynamic student centered learning environment.
- Acquire language in a natural and meaningful way.
- Individualized learning in small class sizes of 10 or less.
- Institutional TOEFL exam at the end of every term (free of charge).
- Complimentary tutoring.

Instructional Staff

All ESL teachers have advanced degrees in TESL. Instructors are carefully selected for their experience in teaching English for academic purposes, cross-cultural awareness, and commitment to helping English language learners achieve academic success. Office hours are available to students that want supplemental instruction outside of classroom time.

Intensive English

The ESL program is an intensive program designed to immerse students in English language instruction five days a week, for 4-5 hours per day. During the fall and spring sessions, ESL students also may sign up for conversation practice with an American student. Students studying at the advanced level may concurrently take courses at Otterbein which are not language intensive (ex: math, art, etc.)

Core Courses for Full-Time Students

- Reading
- Writing
- Listening and Speaking
- Grammar
- Special Topics*

*Possible Special Topics include: Pronunciation, TOEFL Prep, etc.

Content-Based ESL Instruction

Otterbein’s ESL program provides a number of Content-Based courses along with a student’s regular courses. In Content-Based courses, students learn academic content while simultaneously acquiring academic language skills. Possible Content-Based courses include Sociolinguistics, American History, Journalism and other opportunities based on student interest.

Otterbein’s CENTRAL Location

Otterbein is located in Westerville, Ohio, on a picture-perfect campus. Westerville was named 5th friendliest town in America. It is only a 15-minute drive to Columbus, Ohio which is ranked as the 14th largest city in the nation. Otterbein has the best of both worlds, a friendly campus near a big city with lots of options.

The Best Address

- 8 concert venues
- Premier shopping destinations
- The state’s capital
- Art galleries, museums and cultural offerings
- 3 Professional Sports teams

Westerville, Ohio

Within One Block

Restaurants, coffee shops, pharmacy, bakery. It’s that close.

Columbus, Ohio

Within 15 Minutes

One of the world’s “Top Seven Intelligent Communities” for the past four years (Intelligent Community Forum).