



The Language Connection Newsletter

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How to Register for TLC?

By Abdulaziz Almasoudi

Many international students want to register for The Language Connection (TLC), but some students don't know how to register because it may be difficult for them. The students can register before the session begins via online or by paper in the TLC office. Registration is important because students can't study without registering for classes.

I asked Miss. Tiecher, who is responsible for registration, a few questions about this. She said that it costs "\$125 for university fee, \$1,950 for a session, [and some students who have a scholarship] have [to take an] elective class, [which costs an extra] \$325."

She thinks "either way is easy, online or by paper." She told me that "of course, the registration is very easy for TLC." She stated that "the largest number of students in the TLC there are 80 students." Miss. Tiecher says "if you have questions or you want any help! You can come to the office or send me an email [adamst@stjohns.edu] about your questions."

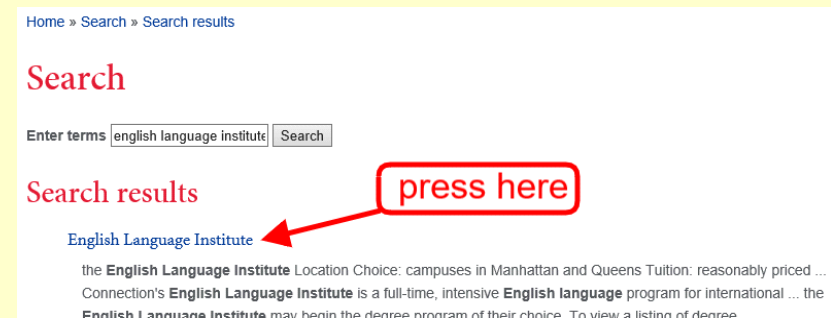
There are two ways to register:

A. The first way is via online.

1 - Enter the university site: <https://www.stjohns.edu/>



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- Tiecher

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Language Connection Online Application

Apply Online to The Language Connection: The English Language Institute of St. John's University

Download printable version here (Right-click the link and choose "Save Link As")

Please note: If you receive a technical error message after hitting "submit", please do not resubmit your application. We are aware of this issue and are working to address it. You can email esl@stjohns.edu if you want to confirm that your application has been received.

complete your data

First Name *

Last Name *

Gender *

Male

Female

Date of Birth *

Year | Month | Day

Country of Birth *

- Select -

Country of Citizenship

- None -

After that, you wait for an email from TLC.

B. The second way is by paper:

Come to the institute's location in Queens or Manhattan and go to the office and request a registration form and fill it out.



A TLC student registering for classes by paper.
Photo Credit: Abdulaziz Almasoudi

I think this information shortens a lot of your time in searching for the information about the TLC. It is advantageous and makes it easier for you to register by following the steps above.

FALL 1, 2018:
September 5 to October 24

FALL 2, 2018:
October 30 to December 17

On the first day of study (September 5th), there is a welcome day for students, and new students will attend orientation.

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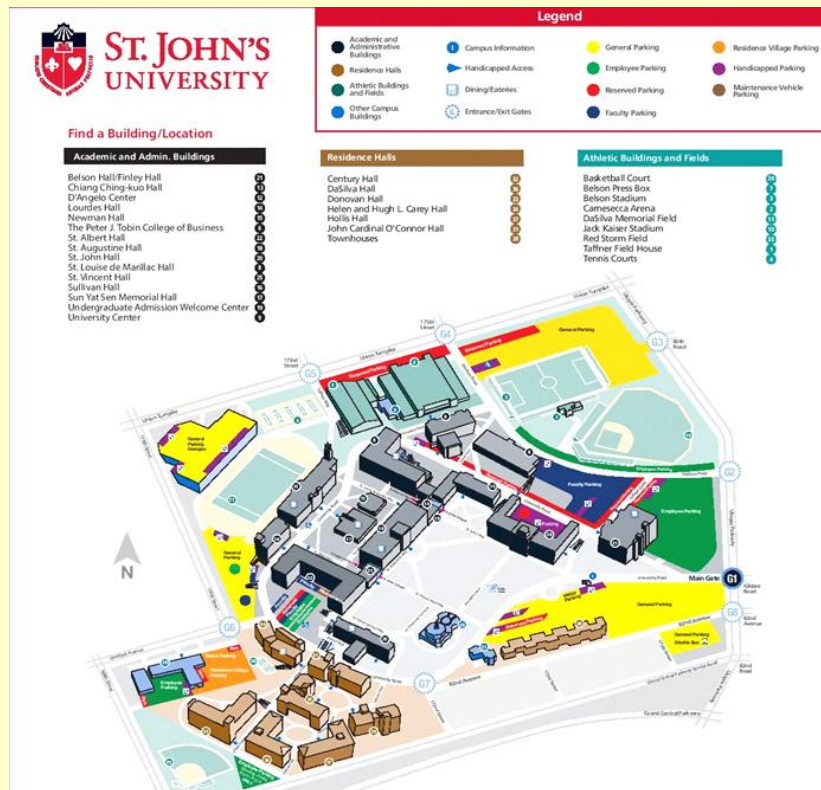
St. John's University, Queens Campus Buildings

By Abdulaziz Almasoudi

Many students need to know about the location of buildings on campus. The students can learn about each building on the campus and what this building contains in this report below.

If you can't read what is inside the picture, you can see it by this link:

https://www.stjohns.edu/sites/default/files/2018/Documents/Marketing/ml-11763_queens_map_8.5x11.pdf



A view of the buildings of St. John's University Queens campus.

8- **Marillac Hall** has many restaurants like Burger King, Subway, and Dunkin' Donuts. It has a computer lab on the second floor. There is a bookstore; If you want to buy books, clothes, umbrella, and anything you need for school.

12- **D'Angelo Center** has cafeteria and games like pool and air hockey. It has a Starbucks on the second floor. It also has a nice place for students to meet and study with tables, chairs, and computers.

16- **Sullivan Hall** has a computer lab and laptop shop. If your computer has a problem, they will fix it in this building.

21- **Belson Hall (Law School)**: has a big cafeteria and Starbucks in the basement.

29- **ROTC building (Public Safety)**: is where you get your Storm card ID. If you lose anything or you have an emergency, you can go to this building to get help from security.

Libraries location:

- 1- Main Library (St. Augustine Hall)
- 2- Rittenberg Law Library (Law School)
- 3- University Archives and Special Collections (St. Augustine Hall)
- 4- Chin Ying Asian Library (Sun Yat-Sen Hall)

Ways to Keep Learning English After Class is Over

By Hadil Aleisawi

If you want to learn English fluently, and want to speak like an American, you should spend much time to learn English.

First, you should read a lot. For example, you can read some book or story to improve your language. Second, keep a journal and try to write any story. For example, you can write about, a story you read. After that you can check grammar, if you have any mistakes. You can watch video on YouTube to teach you grammar or go to EF website. Third, you should listen to T.V. shows or programs and movies in English. If you watch some programs in English, you can learn a lot of vocabulary and improve your grammar. Another way to practice English outside of the classroom is to speak with native speakers. Alex, a TLC student from China, recommends to "sign up for a conversation partner." A conversation partner is some American from the university who meets with students to practice English and learn more information about their culture and habits. It also can help with pronunciation.

All of this will help you to learn English faster.



A TLC student watching an English movie to improve his language.

Photo Credit: Hadil Aleisawi

Interview with an International TLC student: Lingen Han, China

By: Mohammed Alrashdi

1) How long have you been studying here at TLC?

I have been here as a student since September 2017.

2) Why did you choose to study English at St. John's University?

I chose this school because I can enroll at the college and study my master's here after I finish the TLC levels, and I do not have to take the TOEFL exam.



Conversation Partner

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If you want to learn the English language more, this is the best way to way to practice speaking and listening.

Who? An American person from St. John's University

What? Talk about different topics like school, hobbies, culture etc.

When? Meet for one hour per week

Where? Meet anywhere on campus

How? Go to the link and fill out the form to sign up for a conversation partner:

<https://www.stjohns.edu/form/international-engagement-opportunities-form>

Why? The advantages of having a conversation partner is mastering the English language quickly and making relationships.



Lingen Han
Photo Credit: Mohammed Alrashdi

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to make friend that
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- Lingen Han

3) What is your major?

I have a bachelor's degree in Sports Training and Journalism, and I want to study for a master's degree in Sport Management.

4) Why did you choose St. John's University to study for your master's degree?

Because this school is famous for my major and many famous players have graduated from St. John University like Ronal William Artest and Chris Mulin, the head coach of the St. John's University men's basketball team.

5) How has your experience in NYC been?

I have been here for almost a year. I believe that the biggest problem in NYC is that everything is expensive, but there are a lot of good places like, Time Square and Arthur Ashe Stadium, which is a tennis stadium.

6) Have you travelled to other cities in the U.S.?

Yes, I have travelled to many cities around America, but my favorite city is San Diego. It has a beautiful beach called La Jolla. In addition, I think San Diego is a more relaxed city unlike New York. Also, I have visited Flagstaff in Arizona.

7) What do you like to do in your free time?

I like to play tennis with my friends in the park.

8) What is your advice to a new student about learning English?

I think the most important thing about learning English is that you should learn a lot of vocabulary. Also, I recommend watching American TV every day.

9) Is there anything else you would like to mention?

You must keep going. Never give up. And try to make friend that help you to practice English outside the classroom.

The Big Apple: Where to Go in Manhattan?

By: Mohammed Alrashdi.

New York city is one of the biggest cities in the world and there are many places and land marks to explore in New York especially in Manhattan. Tourists visit Manhattan year-round to explore and discover the Big Apple. However, TLC students have a great opportunity to do that while they are studying at St. John's University. During the summer sessions students have a long weekend because there are no classes on Fridays; ergo they have extra time to visit the places in the city.

However, the first thing that comes to your mind when you think about Manhattan is Times Square. It is the first destination for the visitors of New York. According to U.S News, Times Square is the metaphor for New York City and the biggest number of people go to Times Square at the annual New Year's Eve celebration. There are a lot of activities to do in Times Square. There are many luxurious restaurants and coffee shops you do not want to miss it. Also, you can watch people that do different performances like singing and dancing. However, the best time to visit Times Square is at night where you can watch the big commercial screen on all the buildings there.



A numerous number of tourists visiting Times Square at night to see the bright lights, skyscrapers, Broadway shows, and shopping.

Photo credit: Abdulaziz Almasoudi

If you are tired of looking at the skyscrapers in Manhattan, the second place you can visit is Central Park. There are many wonderful fountains in the park with great decoration. Also, according to the U.S News (2016) there are 36 bridges and 20 playgrounds. You can enjoy all of that for free from 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. every day.

The third place to visit is the building that has 102 stories, the Empire State Building. It could cost you some bucks, but it is worth it. You will experience and see the wonderful view of the city. The building is located in Manhattan between 33rd and 34th street and there are different types of tickets you can purchase. For more information you can visit the official website for the building <http://www.esbnyc.com/buy-tickets>.

However, there are others places you can visit in Manhattan, but these are the top three places to visit in Manhattan.

Do you Think Life in NYC is Easy or Hard?

By Hadil Aleisawi

It's no secret that you can do pretty much anything in New York City (NYC), but that doesn't mean that living in the city makes everything easy.

I think if you live alone life will be hard because life in NYC has a lot of responsibilities. It's hard to do everything alone like clean and live alone without family.

The weather is very cold in the winter. Many people suffer from cold winter especially the homeless. The students should take more than one jacket and hot drinks with them to class. Don't go walking in the cold; try to take the bus to go to school.

However, if you have a great job and your family with you, life in NYC is different. If I have my family here, I wouldn't suffer missing them because of the distance. I can feel comfortable and don't worry about them. If I have a job, then I have money, which will help life become easy like I can buy a car. It is more comfortable to travel by car than by bus.

When I came to NYC, in the beginning I didn't like to live here, because the life is difficult with a lot of responsibilities. Then, I had many experiences. I can come to school alone, clean, cook, and study at the same time that is help me to do everything alone. The life in NYC now is good because I learned a lot about responsibility.

I hope you come to NYC. It will help you to see and learn a lot of new things.



The winter in NYC is very hard.
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A view of Central Park
Photo credit: Abdulaziz Almasoudi

University Service Day!

It is your opportunity to volunteer to help the community and practice your English skills.

*It will take place on
September 22, 2018.*

To sign-up you can visit the TLC office and speak with Camille or send her an email at holcombc@stjohns.edu



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<https://www.facebook.com/stjohnsu/photos/a>
Some TLC students who participated in Service Day last year.