THE ESL TIMES

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WELCOME TO

THE HAGGERTY ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAM

At SUNY NEW PALTZ!

We, the faculty and staff of the Haggerty English Language Program (HELP), are delighted that you have chosen to study English as a Second Language (ESL) with us. Your faces and smiles show us that you are a diverse group of students with bright futures in front of you. You make us happy to see you!

Your ESL classes will be very important to you in reaching your educational and career goals. We want to support your success, and you can help yourself by being the best student you can possibly be. Come to class regularly. In fact, try to have perfect attendance. Be punctual. Be respectful. Do your homework. Ask questions if you are confused. See your teacher if you have problems. Tell us if you need help. You will make a great deal of progress if you follow these simple rules.

However, we also want you to have fun, too! Get to know this lovely campus and the beautiful Hudson River Valley. There are many hidden treasures for you to find, both historical and educational. Some of the best memories of your life will be made during your time with us. Make the most of it. If there is an opportunity to participate in an activity or event, take it! Try to make friends with Americans. Meet with your Conversation Partner whenever possible. Check out our ESL activities calendar for Fall 2011. Join our Facebook page! Soon you can follow us on Twitter!

You will soon receive a copy of the HELP Student Handbook and the HELP Calendar. They will provide you with a great deal of useful information. You should be familiar with the policies and procedures of our ESL program, and you will also find many helpful tips about living in New Paltz and coping with culture shock.

Best wishes for a great Fall Semester!

Connie Perdreau
Director of the Haggerty English Language Program

Connie Perdreau and Cathy Siska congratulate an ESL student.

Photo by Norbert Hellmann
September Conversation Table

Why do you need to go to Conversation Table? It is an excellent opportunity to know new students from several countries. Also, the food is free and it is very important for students to meet together outside of class.

On Thursday, September 1, we had our first meeting for this semester. We talked about many things including summer vacation, classes, knitting club, food and their majors. The teacher Sarah Elia made a good job on Facebook inviting the students and I had the opportunity to meet new and old students from Albania, Turkey, Japan, Ecuador, Korea, China and of course America.

Don't waste time. Come to CONVERSATION TABLE next month. Look in our page for ESL students on Facebook and be part of this unforgettable moment in your life.

Orientation Class for New Students

Campus Police Lieutenant Coxum visited the Orientation class.
- Students had fun “getting arrested.”
- All were released to continue studying English!

The Orientation class visited the Dorsky Museum of Art on campus.
(photos left and right.)

Photos above by Maria Izquierdo. Photos below left & right by Sarah Elia.
Summer Session Highlights

Photos (above) by Norbert Hellmann

Bicycle trip photos by Cathy Siska’s students

NYC photos (l. & r.) by Wenyue Zhao
• Do you feel nervous or shy when you speak English in front of a group?
• Do you want to feel more confident and comfortable speaking English in your classes?
• Do you want extra practice to improve your listening skills in English?

Then come to SPEAK OUT, the speaking club for ESL students. You’ll learn how to give presentations that will help you in your classes. No grades and no pressure, but a chance to improve your English, meet other students and have fun! We meet Wednesdays, 5:00—6:00 PM, VH Annex 250B.

ESL KNITTING CLUB
Every Tuesday from 2-4:00pm
Lobby of SUNY New Paltz Library
Bring your needles and yarn.
If you want to learn, we’ll teach you!
Meet our Faculty and Staff

Connie Perdreau
Julie O’Sullivan
Jennie Castro
Catherine Siska
Sarah Elia
James Phillips
Norbert Hellmann
Lisa Rost-Lewis
Jessica Marchi
Warren Wilson
Candace James
Patty Lowy
Watch our ESL video online at:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7BjR5zvFR64

Join New Paltz ESL on Facebook and @ESLnewpaltz on Twitter!
- Stay connected with friends
- Meet new friends
- Get current updates on events and announcements on campus.

The Washington D.C. trip is now FULL.
**DATE & TIME:** Bus will leave New Paltz at 9am on Thursday, Sept. 29th and leave D.C. on Saturday, Oct.1st at 5pm.

**Monday, November 7th, 12:30pm**
Conversation Table Lunch at CIP

**Friday, November 18th,** details TBA.
Thanksgiving Dinner Party at the College Terrace.

**Wednesday-Friday, Nov. 23th-25th**
NO CLASSES. Thanksgiving Break.
Thinking of planning a short trip to Canada with your friends during this vacation? Be sure to contact the ESL Office ASAP to get required paperwork.

**Friday, Dec 9th,** End-of-Semester Ceremony. Certificates, awards, and student performances! Interested in performing?
Contact Sarah Elia elias@newpaltz.edu

Walk-in hours — International Advisor
**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday**
12:00pm-2:30pm in VH Annex 250