Do you want to study at a university in the United States, but need to improve your English? Or do you want to improve your English skills for other reasons? If the answer is “yes,” then the Ohio Program of Intensive English (OPIE) is for you!

The principle mission of OPIE is to raise the English language proficiency level and intercultural fluency of non-native speakers who will use English for academic study at institutions of higher education and/or for professional purposes. The OPIE mission consists of five core components: Teaching, Testing, Orientation/Cross-cultural Support, Program Development, and the Training and Supervision of Teaching Associates.

The University
Established in 1804, Ohio University is fully accredited and is ranked by U.S. News and World Report as being among the top public American universities. OHIO is a comprehensive university, offering more than 250 bachelor’s programs, and granting master’s and doctoral degrees in more than 75 areas. Ohio University prides itself on outstanding academic programs and world-class research opportunities for its students at all levels. The student population is over 20,000, including more than 1,600 international students from over 100 different countries.

Visit our historical campus online at: http://www.ohio.edu/tour

The City
Ohio University is located in the welcoming, safe community of Athens, Ohio, U.S.A. A lively, small town amidst beautiful natural surroundings, Athens provides the ideal setting for both study and recreation. Athens enjoys four seasons, each with its own special appeal.

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In addition to classes, OPIE offers opportunities to:

• meet with a conversation partner
• get personalized one-on-one tutoring in OPIE’s pronunciation and writing labs
• use the latest computer resources in our Language Resource Center (LRC)
• attend cultural and social events on campus and in the community

Types of Programs

Undergraduate Applicants:
Ohio University offers Conditional Admission to students who meet the academic requirements for a bachelor’s program, but
• do not meet the minimum English proficiency requirement OR
• do not have a TOEFL or IELTS score to submit.

Students who are conditionally admitted to Ohio University are given a Paper-Based (PBT) TOEFL and writing test upon arrival. Students are eligible to begin full-time academic study if they score 525 (Business students: 550) or above with a writing score of 50 or above. If scores are lower, students are placed into either OPIE’s Full-time English Program or Bridge Program, which includes English classes and academic classes.

These students may then transition into full-time academic study by
• successfully completing* the sequence of OPIE classes OR
• reaching the required scores on English proficiency tests.

Graduate Applicants:
Some master’s and Ph.D. programs allow students to apply for English Provisional admission if they meet the academic requirements for the graduate program, but
• do not meet the minimum English proficiency requirement of the degree program OR
• do not have a TOEFL or IELTS score to submit.

English Provisional admission is a combination of admission to OPIE and future admission to a graduate degree-seeking program. Students admitted as English Provisional will enroll in OPIE courses upon arrival. They have up to two years to achieve the English proficiency score required by the degree program. Students admitted under English Provisional status are not eligible to register for graduate courses or apply for any type of graduate appointment (such as a tuition waiver and/or stipend).

Check with your desired graduate program for further information: www.ohio.edu/graduate/

English only study
(“OPIE Only” Status)
If you want to study English only and do not plan to enroll in a degree program, you should apply for “OPIE Only” status. The only entry requirement is that you have a high school diploma.

“OPIE Only” programs can be arranged for semesters or four-week sessions throughout the year. You may register for one or multiple four-week sessions depending upon your arrival date. Dates are available at www.ohio.edu/linguistics/opie/.

Group Programs
OPIE is sometimes able to arrange special short-term programs for groups of students for a variety of purposes. Programs can include an events package with activities such as trips to Niagara Falls and Washington, D.C. Program prices vary. To inquire about special program options, contact Dr. Gerry Krzic (krzic@ohio.edu).

About the Program
The Ohio Program of Intensive English (OPIE) was founded in 1967 and is one of the leading English language programs in the U.S.

OPIE offers 5 levels of English study:
• Full-time elementary
• Full-time intermediate
• Full-time advanced
• Part-time Bridge (12 hours English + 6 academic credits*)
• Part-time Bridge (8 hours English + 9 academic credits*)
*Includes required 1-credit UC1900 Learning Communities Seminar

Our programs are designed for international students who
• need to improve their English skills before starting a degree program OR
• just wish to improve their English proficiency

Full-time students meet 16-20 hours a week to focus on:
• Listening
• Speaking
• Grammar
• Reading and Vocabulary
• Writing

Note: Due to a shortened summer term, summer OPIE classes meet daily, and lab and socio-cultural offerings may be more limited in summer than in fall and spring terms.