

What people are saying about **University Settlement's Adult Literacy Program**



"University Settlement's English classes helped me get my G.E.D. Now I am enrolled at a community college."

— **Suki**

"Learning English at University Settlement has enabled me to help residents in my building read letters from government programs as well as help them apply for benefits."

— **Wen Fei**

"We work with more than 750 literacy programs citywide, and University Settlement is one of the best. Their professional, highly skilled and dedicated staff provide a range of services that continuously improve students' lives."

— **Elyse Barbell, Executive Director
Literacy Assistance Center**

"My NYU students and I are honored to participate in the extraordinary learning community created at University Settlement's Adult Literacy Program."

— **Professor June Foley**



Who We Are

University Settlement has been helping low-income and immigrant families to build better lives for **125 years**.

Today, University Settlement offers many free programs to meet the needs of every member of a family.

For young children: Early Head Start; pre-school classes for children ages 2 to 5; therapy for children with special needs.

For school-age children: After-school and summer programs; crisis intervention for children with urgent needs; supportive services for teens.

For adults: Literacy classes; counseling and mental health services; childcare training and referrals.

For seniors: Recreation and lifelong learning opportunities; nutritious meals.

For the whole family: Recreational and educational opportunities at our community centers on the Lower East Side and in Fort Greene. Arts and culture programs at our historic home on Eldridge Street.



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Literacy is Power

■ **Adult Literacy Program:** English language classes and an introduction to American life and culture



University Settlement's Adult Literacy Program welcomes adult immigrants from throughout New York City and supports them in fulfilling their roles in the community.

The Adult Literacy Program works with students to build a foundation of English language and technology skills needed to

- gain employment or advance at a current job
- enroll in educational programs or vocational training
- help children or grandchildren with their schoolwork
- attend parent-teacher conferences and participate in PTA meetings
- understand and exercise legal rights and responsibilities
- become a registered voter
- participate in civic organizations
- handle basic financial transactions
- communicate with doctors and other medical personnel
- attain U.S. citizenship
- apply for government benefits



All classes are taught by dynamic, experienced teachers and are offered **FREE OF CHARGE** to all participants.

University Settlement's Adult Literacy Program serves students at every level, from beginner through advanced.

Learn...

- grammar, reading, speaking, listening and writing skills
- about the United States, American culture and life in New York City
- from trained ESOL professionals

Participate...

- in daily class discussions with peers and complete homework assignments
- in cultural and educational class trips

Read...

- about important issues and current news articles
- to your children daily and help them in school

Write...

- about your goals and dreams
- to your elected representatives to voice your opinions and concerns

Practice...

- pronunciation and reading comprehension using voice recognition software in our computer lab
- using the Internet to find information about jobs, educational opportunities and cultural activities

Enrollment & Policies

- Classes run September through June
- Registration opens in May and closes when classes are full
- Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis
- Classes are offered at different levels and taught in English only
- Good attendance is required

Eligibility & Fees

All classes are FREE and open to any adult, 16 years old or older.

Class Schedule

We offer the following schedules:

Mornings (Mondays through Thursdays)

- 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
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- 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Evenings (Tuesdays through Thursdays)

- 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Weekends (Saturdays & Sundays)

- 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

In addition to language classes, we also offer elective classes on topics such as creative writing, computer skills, and more.

For More Information:

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