Evening Courses
July 5, 2016 – August 19, 2016

All Evening Courses are offered 6:00pm – 7:40pm. Interested students should contact the English Language Programs (elp@sas.upenn.edu) to set up a phone call with the Evening Program Coordinator. The Coordinator will help students identify their course level and will answer any questions about the course options.

COURSES FOR BEGINNER LEVEL STUDENTS

Oral Communication 1 (Tuesdays): In many English listening and speaking textbooks, the materials are “scripted”, not always natural language. In Oral Communication 1, English language learners will be introduced to English as it is spoken, to natural language in speaking and listening activities in social and academic situations. In the social domain, students will practice giving introductions and invitations, describing themselves and others, speaking politely, and offering help. In the academic domain, students will practice asking for and confirming information, expressing doubt, and explaining problems. Students will also review and practice grammatical and pronunciation features of spoken English such as question formation, modals of doubt and possibility as well as intonation and reduced forms.

COURSES FOR INTERMEDIATE LEVEL STUDENTS

Academic Skills for the TOEFL iBT B (Tuesdays & Thursdays): This 500/600 level course will help students prepare for the TOEFL iBT by focusing on 3 main areas: developing key academic vocabulary necessary to better comprehend reading and listening passages, developing the language mini-skills needed to respond better to the individual tasks, and giving learners multiple opportunities to practice TOEFL iBT-like tasks. (The A and B versions of the course use different chapters; you do not need to take “A” before “B”.)

Speaking on Society and Cultures 1 (Wednesdays): A well-rounded study abroad experience includes not only classroom or textbook-based study, but also an exploration of the local community both on- and off-campus. By engaging in conversations with people who live and work in Philadelphia, and by attending local events and observing customs firsthand, students can go beyond stereotypes to develop a deeper understanding of diverse patterns in thinking and behavior. In Speaking on Society & Cultures 1, students will develop a more global mindset by working in teams to research and present findings on American culture in Philadelphia. In the process, students will gain skills and confidence in starting and maintaining conversations, interviewing, and presenting information. This course may be followed by Speaking on Society & Cultures 2 for a more in-depth exploration of the Philadelphia community.

COURSES FOR ADVANCED LEVEL STUDENTS

Society & Culture: Research, Reporting and Reflection (Wednesdays): Studying in a foreign university requires students to explore and interact with their campus and local community. In Society & Culture: Research, Reporting and Reflection, students will select one of the following strands: policy, sustainability or culture, and develop a research project aimed at enhancing their global understanding. In the process, students will refine their skills in developing a research question, creating a survey, and reporting their findings. In addition, students will develop their ability to reflect on their experience in the course by assessing their skills and learning. Students will create an e-portfolio to compile and display their research findings and reflections.