



WELCOME TO THE ALC

A brief orientation

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On your marks, get set,....

We know you are eager to start making progress in English so let me briefly tell you what we know about how you can make progress and see results...



LEARNING A LANGUAGE IS LIKE...

A marathon

Not

A sprint



AT THE ALC, WE KNOW THAT STUDENTS WHO MAKE PROGRESS...

- Take risks and make mistakes!

“Some people want it to happen, some wish it would happen, others make it happen!”

We want to help you make it happen! So be on time, bring your book, a pen, some paper. Be ready to work and have fun!



STUDENTS WHO MAKE THE MOST PROGRESS...

- Not only work hard in class, but they also find ways to practice outside of class.
- What does this mean?
 - Do your homework!
 - Find something in the target language that interests you and stretches your language abilities!
 - Basically, it comes down to taking responsibility for your learning.



WHAT ARE SOME THINGS YOU CAN DO?

I CAN....



A LEARNING COMMUNITY HELPS YOU STAY MOTIVATED

- Our teachers help build this community in the classroom by
 - Using lots of group and pair work
 - Encouraging you to express your own ideas and share information about yourself



- At the ALC, we
 - Provide you with spaces – computer lab (2nd floor), library, outdoor lounge (1st floor) – to practice with our resources or with a friend.
 - Use online resources, read a book, watch a movie



PROGRAMS

- Language Exchange – Practice conversation
 - Weekly: Contact the ALC for more details
 - Monthly film screening and other cultural programs

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THANKS FOR YOU FEEDBACK!

- Conversation, conversation, conversation
 - Time in class is limited. If you want more speaking and less book – talk to your teacher and agree as a class.
 - Ask some classmates to join you 10-15 minutes before class. Agree to only speak English and ask your teacher to provide you with some materials to practice with – dialogues, pictures, discussion questions.
 - Join the weekly Language Exchange!



SECURITY PROCEDURES



- First, a quote from Reinhold Niebuhr (1892-1971):
 - “God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.”
 - **We *can't* change the security procedures!**
 - **And they are a small inconvenience to ensure our safety...**



SECURITY PROCEDURES

- We can make it as painless as possible:
 - Men – if you don't need a belt, remove it before coming.
 - Only carry in what you need!
 - Be polite to our security personnel. They are only doing their jobs!

