



English as a Second Language

Remote Learning Opportunities for Adults in the Capital Region of Albany, NY

(Updated March 2021 by USCRI Albany Office for New Americans Opportunity Center)

1. **RISSE (Refugee & Immigrant Support Services of Emmaus, Inc.)** is a family-based center located in the Pine Hills neighborhood of Albany that supports newcomers in building sustainable lives in the United States.

Call 518-621-1041 (Main Office), 518-567-4354 (Executive Director), 518-505-1737 (Operations Director) or email info@risse-albany.org

RISSE currently offers 3 English as a Second Language levels of online learning via Google Classroom. New adult students are welcome to join but must register online.
<http://www.risse-albany.org/online-class-info/>

2. **Sunhee's Korean Restaurant** offers free ESL classes for adults. Register online at <https://www.sunhees.com/adult-english>

Open enrollment; no eligibility requirements. Classes use ZOOM.

Intro to English

Mon./Tues./Wed./Thurs. 3pm to 4:30pm

Everyday English (Intermediate)

Monday 5:30pm to 7pm

Saturday 9am to 10:30am

Community, Culture and Conversation (Advanced)

TBD

Call (518) 423-9124 or email goodfood@sunhees.com for more info.

3. Cell-Ed

Cell-Ed is a free program provided by the New York State Office for New Americans.

Study anytime, anywhere, at your own level on any cell phone.

On a Smartphone, Download Cell-Ed, enter your phone number, click continue, create a password, enter the pin 66301 then choose the class at your level.

4. Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County

Online or Distance Learning Will Be Available by calling (518) 244-4650 or sending an email to LitVolDirector@aol.com

During normal times, Literacy Volunteers offer classes in Troy and Watervliet library and at various locations in Albany.

<https://www.lvorc.org/>

5. Hudson Valley Community College (HVCC)

The HVCC Office of Community and Professional Education offers courses for beginning and intermediate level English learners taught by professional, certified ESL instructors. Each course meets online via ZOOM usually twice a week for 2 hours for a total of 30 sessions. Classes are offered during the day as well as in the evening. Classes cost \$25 per class and textbooks may be required. Scholarships are available.

A new session of **Level I Reading and Grammar** course has been added for March 2021. The course will run on Thursdays, 3/25 – 5/13, 5:30 – 8:30 pm. via Zoom. A description of the course can be found at:

<https://www.hvcc.edu/programs/communityeducation/schedules/communication.html#EnglishasaSecondLanguage>. Please note there is no placement tested needed for this course but a valid Certificate of Residence if required. You may obtain a certificate of residence at your local town or city hall. If you live in Albany County you can also apply for a certificate online at:

<https://www.albanycounty.com/departments/management-and-budget/finance-division/certificate-of-residence>

For questions call HVCC at (518) 629-7339 or email at communityed@hvcc.edu.

Course example:

Reading and Conversation for ESL - Level I

This course is designed for beginning-level English language learners. Little prior knowledge of English is needed.

Students will be introduced to reading strategies and apply them to basic or simplified English texts. Students will also learn how to converse on a variety of topics in English. Pronunciation and intonation will also be addressed.

Please visit www.hvcc.edu/communityed for additional course details.

6. **Sage College conversation circles** on Google Meet.

Meeting every Monday, 7-8pm. on this link: meet.google.com/qbw-xysh-jtp or email Ali Schaeffing at schaea@sage.edu