English Language Institute (ELI)

The ELI is an academic unit in the Language Arts Division at Leeward. The ELI offers a high-quality Intensive English Program for international students in order to improve their English for academic, professional or personal purposes.

Students are introduced to American culture through classwork and weekly activities while improving their English language skills. ELI provides 18 hours per week, 8-week per session of non-credit classroom instruction.

The ELI serves as a gateway for non-English speaking students to enter our credit program and continue their studies here at Leeward CC. Students who complete the advanced level in the ELI are eligible to enter the credit program at Leeward CC without further testing.

ELI Mission Statement:

The central mission of the English Language Institute at Leeward Community College is to provide high-quality English as a second language (ESL) instruction and orientation in U.S. culture to international students, professionals and other non-native speakers by means of an intensive English program.

To achieve this mission, the English Language Institute pursues the following goals:

- Improve the English language and study skills of international students in preparation for study at an American college or university, or for personal or professional purposes.
- Provide students with the cultural knowledge and awareness necessary to transition from life and study in their own countries to the U.S.
- Provide student support and administrative services of the highest quality.