

Intensive English Institute University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

BET USA

English Language Certificate Program
for High School English Teachers from Brazil
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BACKGROUND

BET USA is a collaboration among the [Institute of International Education](#) (IIE), Brazilian sponsor [CAPES](#), the [Fulbright Commission in Brazil](#), and the [U.S. Embassy in Brazil](#). In Fall 2012, IIE invited the Intensive English Institute to submit a proposal, and selected the IEI to be one of 18 intensive English programs in the country to participate.

PARTICIPANTS AT ILLINOIS

Twenty-six high school English teachers are at Illinois for this program. They are in two groups, based on English proficiency: "Orange" and "Blue." They teach in public schools in a variety of districts across Brazil. Some of them also teach in a private school.



PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

1. To improve the level of teachers' spoken English
2. To expose teachers to teaching methodologies that encourage classroom participation and practice with aural and oral skills
3. To provide best practices in student assessment and evaluation
4. To encourage the use of online and other resources for teacher development and lesson plan preparation as well as the use of technology for student projects
5. To present first-hand U.S. history and culture to serve as a core component in participants' teaching of English
6. To foster linkages with U.S. teachers and to encourage ongoing professor and student exchanges
7. To issue a Certificate of English Teaching from the U.S. institution hosting the program

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN PROGRAM

Campus and Cultural Events

Coordinator: Natalie Lloyd, IEI Graduate Teaching Assistant

Illinois women's basketball game at the Assembly Hall
Abraham Lincoln Museum and historical site tour, Springfield, Illinois
Spurlock Museum tour
Social event sponsored by Lemann Institute
Social event with campus Luso-Brazilian Association
Super Bowl party at Laura Hahn's home
Chicago trip
Lincoln Hall rededication ceremony

Orange Team Courses

Approaches to Language Teaching and Teacher Development

Faculty: Gretchen Forman and Dr. Laura Hahn

- Exploration of the roles of observation and reflection in classroom teaching
- Observations of IEI and high school foreign language classes
- Development of a teaching philosophy statement
- Modules on topics such as:
 - Technology in the classroom
 - Techniques for multilevel classes
 - Motivating students
 - Communicative classroom activities

Academic Listening, Speaking, and American Culture

Faculty: Kristin Bouton

- Language focus: Academic presentation skills, expressing opinions and attitudes, academic listening and note-taking
- Culture focus: Abraham Lincoln, other topics decided by the participants
- Pedagogical focus: Using a variety of audio and video sources such as TV and movie clips, online materials, and lectures

Pronunciation and Pronunciation Teaching

Faculty: Dr. Laura Hahn

- Overview of the sound system of English
- Pronunciation challenges for Portuguese speakers
- Principles and strategies for teaching pronunciation effectively

Culture and Oral Communication

Faculty: Gretchen Forman

- Understanding culture and cultural encounters
- Exploring spoken interaction in the local cultural context
- Developing ways to compare American and Brazilian culture with students and teach them oral communication skills in English



Blue Team Courses

Approaches to Language Teaching

Faculty: Dr. Sue Ingels

- Observations of IEI and high school foreign language classes
- Development of a teaching philosophy statement
- Modules on topics such as:
 - Technology in the classroom
 - Techniques for multilevel classes
 - Motivating students
 - Communicative classroom activities

Academic Listening, Speaking, and American Culture

Faculty: Kate Curry

- Language focus: Academic presentation skills, expressing opinions and attitudes, academic listening and note-taking
- Culture focus: Abraham Lincoln, other topics decided by the participants
- Pedagogical focus: Using a variety of audio and video sources such as TV and movie clips, online materials, and lectures

Pronunciation and Pronunciation Teaching

Faculty: Peter Chiligris

- Overview of the sound system of English
- Pronunciation challenges for Portuguese speakers
- Principles and strategies for teaching pronunciation effectively

Reading and Writing

Faculty: Dr. Marguerite Courtright

- Language skill development, through exploring written texts on selected historical/cultural topics
- Opportunities for self-expression in written English
- Classroom models for using written texts to improve learners' English language through reading and writing in English