



ILUNO Intensive English Online FAQ's

What is ILUNO?

ILUNO is the Intensive English Language program at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. ILUNO is a comprehensive, student-centered English as a foreign language program where students learn to communicate successfully in personal, professional and academic environments.

Who would benefit by enrolling in ILUNO?

ILUNO is an opportunity for students to learn English as a foreign language in a university setting to improve their English skills before enrolling in collegiate level courses.

What are the program dates and course schedules?

Summer Session 1: 11 May – 26 June, 2020

Summer Session 2: 29 June – 14 August, 2020

Courses are taught synchronously (at the same time) with our students in Omaha from 8 AM – 12 PM CST (Omaha/Chicago time zone). The advantage is, of course, you would be in mixed classrooms with students of other nationalities and need to communicate in English to do discussions and other Zoom whole-class or breakout-room activities.

Typically, students enroll in both *Reading, Writing, & Grammar* and *Listening & Speaking*. However, students may choose to enroll in just one of the courses. For language purposes, we would encourage taking both classes. Please visit <https://www.unomaha.edu/international-studies-and-programs/iluno/classes.php> for more information about ILUNO classes.

How do I apply?

New students should submit their completed applications for the Summer 1 Session by Monday, May 4th or the Summer Session 2 by Monday, June 22nd.

There is a \$45.00 application fee due upon application. High school transcripts may be submitted after you are accepted to the program. *Late applications may be possible. Please inquire.*

Application details can be found here:

<https://www.unomaha.edu/admissions/undergraduate/international-students/iluno-admit-checklist.php>

What is the total cost for each of the ILUNO online summer seven-week sessions?

Your time and money are spent on one of the lowest cost, most affordable, successful English language programs in the U.S. Each seven-week session costs **\$1,743.28**. You



would commit to 18 hours per week of classes. It is possible to take one or two classes instead of the full session at a reduced cost.

How do I pay for my classes?

You have two easy payment options: Western Union Business Services (not regular Western Union) through our MavLINK system and your local bank, or a credit card. Credit cards are charged an additional 4.5% vendor processing fee, so we recommend the Western Union Business Services option.

How are classes taught online?

Classes will be taught mostly live with Zoom but, as with regular classes, include homework that involves readings from textbooks, videos, and other materials or resources. Textbooks will be available online and information will be provided upon enrollment.

We provide instructors to help you learn about Zoom and CANVAS, UNO's learning management system, if you are not already familiar with these easy-to-use learning tools during the ILUNO academic orientation. Orientation is hosted the week before the session begins and additional support is provided as needed during the first week of class.

How are online classes graded?

Grades for classes are the same as face-to-face instruction in Omaha: class attendance, participation and completion of the course homework with a 70% or higher score for the overall passing grade.

How do I know my English level?

We use the online ACCUPLACER placement test. At this time, we are planning to host placement testing on Monday or Tuesday, May 4th or 5th, before the first session begins on Monday, May 11th. Please keep these dates open so we can coordinate these activities with you. Further details will be provided upon admission to ILUNO.

What equipment do I need to take online courses?

Your computer will need Windows 8 or a later operating version, primarily for Zoom class video streaming. CANVAS may run on older platforms as long as you can access the internet. You will also need the internet and enough bandwidth to stream video classes or lessons. If you can smoothly stream Netflix or online movies, your bandwidth is probably okay.

What apps do I need to install?

Download and install Zoom and, depending on the class, possibly a textbook program for homework. However, most of CANVAS, MavLINK, our placement system, and other programs are available through the internet and do not need to have separate apps



downloaded unless working through a mobile phone. Mobile phones usually run more smoothly through an app rather than an internet browser.

Do you have an orientation so I can learn about your university and ILUNO program?

Yes, there will be an orientation to get to know other students and learn about student services at UNO on Tuesday on Wednesday, May 5th or 6th. We will also have an ILUNO academic orientation including MavLINK / CANVAS / Zoom activities and training on Thursday and Friday, May 7th and 8th, before classes begin on Monday, May 11th. Please keep these dates and times open so we can coordinate these activities with you. Further details will be provided upon admission to ILUNO.

What help and support is given?

ILUNO instructors have office hours during which they can help with personal advising and tutoring. We may also offer weekly international advising question and answer sessions with students via Zoom.

Students can meet a licensed mental health practitioner to discuss culture discussions weekly via Zoom. Even though you aren't here in the country, you may still have questions about classroom interactions or issues that you would like to discuss and you might be interested in what other students are discussing, so we would encourage you to go to that as well.

Who do I contact to ask questions about applying to and enrolling in these courses?

If you have questions or would like to discuss summer or fall courses, please email us at unoiluno@unomaha.edu.