

## ***Section 4: Special ELI Programs***

There are several special programs and options available for ELI students. Some programs are exclusively for ELI students! Take a look at the information below and see how you can make the most out of your experience here at the English Language Institute!

### ◆ **Conversation Partners**

The ELI Conversation Partner Program was created to benefit both American and international students through the sharing of ideas, experiences, cultural views, and personal and academic interests. Upper level ELI students (level 3 and up) may take part in this class which focuses on practicing English outside the classroom with American students at HCC.



### ◆ **Club Rush**

At the beginning of each semester, Club Rush takes place in the Quad. You can see all the clubs at our college displayed, speak to club representatives and sign up for clubs that interest you. Look for e-mails at the beginning of the semester for more information.

### ◆ **ELI Bridge Class Option**



The ELI Bridge Class Option offers upper level students (level IV and up) the opportunity to experience American college-level courses in a number of subjects. This option is the non-credit way to take most of the credit courses listed in the credit schedule. Eligible ELI students sit in the same class and receive the same instruction as HCC degree students but receive ELI credits. These classes will not transfer to other institutions.

### ◆ **Fast Track Option**

This option was established for students who want to transfer to the degree program here at HCC. It allows you to combine levels IIIA and IIIB or levels IVA and IVB. You must qualify in order to take advantage. Speak to an ELI Advisor for more information.



### ◆ Field Trips / Activities



There are many exciting field trips planned throughout the year. For example, we have gone to New York City, Niagara Falls, Amish Country (Pennsylvania), Baltimore Oriole's games, Ocean City, and much more. Look for e-mails with field trip information and take advantage of them!

### ◆ Life in the USA

This is an orientation class offered as a part of your full-time study. In this class, you will learn about the college, the community, local history and culture, and visit tourist sites in our area. There are three field trips planned as part of this class. In the past, the class has visited Annapolis, Historic Ellicott City, and Washington, D.C.



### ◆ Using English in the Community

This is a special service-learning class designed for advanced students. You will have a chance to converse with native speakers as you perform volunteer service in the community.

### ◆ ESL Testing Center (HR-200)

You can go to the center to make up tests. Ask your advisor or teacher for more information.

### ◆ The Write Room (SSB-340 / 410-772-4822)

You can go there as often as you need for help with any kind of written assignment. A trained tutor will work with you for approximately fifteen minutes. The service is free and you can go as often as you want. Hours: Monday to Thursday 9:00am-9:00pm; Friday 9:00am-4:00pm; Saturday 10:00am-3:00pm; Sunday 1:00- 5:00pm.



◇ **The Career Resource Center (HR-332/410-722-4093)**

The ESL Career Resources Center helps foreign-born students at HCC to prepare for working in the United States. Counselors provide one-on-one career advising as well as job workshops and classes designed to meet the specific needs of ESL students. The center can help you with: career planning, resume writing, researching jobs, job applications, job interview practice, finding community resources, cross-cultural information and transferring foreign credentials.

◇ **JC Study Abroad Housing Services (410-652-6277)**

The JC Study Abroad program works with Howard Community College to provide affordable housing options for ELI students. The program provides dormitory-style housing located near the campus. The program also provides foreign students with the option to live with an American family. In addition to housing, the JC Study Abroad program provides a variety of additional services designed to help foreign students, including assistance obtaining a driver's license. Please come to the ELI office in room HR-200 to pick up an informational brochure or take a look at the program's website for more information:

[www.jcstudyabroad.com](http://www.jcstudyabroad.com).

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