

Study Options for J-1/J-2 Students

Students interested in taking English language classes at Seattle Colleges while on their J-1 or J-2 visa have two options:

- Enroll in the Seattle Colleges Institute of English (SCIE)
- Take classes through Continuing Education

Note: Some J visa programs only allow for part-time study, so be sure to check your program requirements before enrolling.

Seattle Colleges Institute of English (SCIE)

[SCIE programs](#) are designed for international students who intend to enroll in a college or university. SCIE classes focus on helping students improve all aspects of the English language, including reading, writing, grammar, speaking, and listening. SCIE serves students across all three of our colleges, but classes are taught at Seattle Central College.

The [cost to attend SCIE](#) is fixed yearly. If you are interested in taking classes with SCIE, you must [apply for admission](#) through International Programs and submit your online admission application by the appropriate [deadline](#).

Continuing Education

J-1 or J-2 visa students may also take English classes through [Continuing Education](#). If you take classes through Continuing Education, you do not need to apply for admission to Seattle Colleges and you will not deal with International Programs at all.

For questions about taking classes through Continuing Education, visit the Continuing Education webpage for your preferred campus to find the appropriate contact information: [North](#) | [Central](#) | [South](#).

To learn about costs for Continuing Education classes, you must go to the Continuing Education website for your preferred campus and select the course(s) you are interested in. Prices vary.

Changing Visa Status from J-1/J-2 to F-1

If you are considering changing your visa status to F-1 during or after your J visa program, review our PDF handout for more information: <https://intl.seattlecolleges.edu/docs/change-to-f1-visa-status.pdf>.