



**ISTANBUL GELISIM UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES
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➤ ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES AND ONLINE TRAINING PROGRAMS

➤ As members of the School of Foreign Languages, we value continuous professional improvement. Here is a list of the online teaching programs and academic activities our instructors participated in during the last month.

Lecturers	Certificate Program	Provided by
Büşra Hacıköylü	“Learning to teach: Becoming a Reflective Practitioner”	The Open University
Yasin Acar	Slavoj Žižek "Is Democracy Still a Choice Today?"	Kobanê University
Utku Tönel	“Exploring Innovative Assessment Methods”	The Open University
Mahri Babagulyyeva	“Learning to Teach: Becoming A Reflective Practitioner” “English Grammar in Context”	The Open University
Didar Sevde Ülker	“Engaging with Educational Research”	The Open University
Helin Göktas	“Some Remarks about Premise and Character in Literature with a Particular Reference to Drama”	KTUDELL Online Seminar
Helin Göktas	“Workshops – Nature or Nurture Self-regulation of ESL learners”	International Training Institute
Seda Yılmaztürk	“Perfecting board work online – Teaching speaking – Correction in the online classroom – Online classroom dynamics – Help! My students won’t read – Pronunciation – Tips and Tricks”	The Open University



➤ EXTRACURRICULAR UNIT ACTIVITIES

- Our Extracurricular Unit, which is coordinated by Sercan Dorgan, has been working to motivate and entertain our students in those times organizing some activities. First, the students were invited to play a role-play game on 14th of April, and then they were invited to a seminar about Reading as a vital skill by **Dr. Oya TUNABOYLU** on Zoom on 29th of April.
- Moreover, a Chess Club was organized this month among the students of School of Foreign Languages. The students are taking chess courses and they will have certificates at the end of the course.

➤ ROLE-PLAY GAME WEREWOLVES AND VILLAGERS

- On 14th April, we played Werewolves and Villagers. It's a role-play game where students talk to each other to figure out their roles and try to find out who the werewolf is. Werewolf's purpose is to knock out every villager without them finding out about it. Role cards are prepared informing them about the roles which exist in the game. The event was especially beneficial for students to gather and analyse information in English and proceed to form judgement. Students participated in the game with their cameras and microphones, therefore they were able to practise speaking English as well. They had an amazing time communicating with each other while playing.

➤ SEMINAR ABOUT READING

On 29th, **Dr. Oya TUNABOYLU** gave a seminar about **Reading as a Vital Skill**.



The event focused on improving language skills and how the act of reading can be a great way to learn new words and see examples of how they are used in English. Oya Tunaboylu completed her bachelor's degree in the first place in the department of English Language Teaching at Atatürk University in 1990. In the same year, she started working as a research assistant in the academia. She studied her first master's degree at this university in the field of English Theatre. In 1995, she won a YÖK scholarship and went to Ohio State University and studied her master's degree and PhD on Tesol. After returning to Turkey, she worked at Atatürk and Gazi Universities. Between 2005

and 2011, she worked as head of School of Foreign Languages department for two full semesters. During her time working as head of department, she was awarded with European Language Label Award for two consecutive years with two projects she was leading on. She still works at the same university at faculty of education in the department of English Language Teaching as a lecturer. Her fields of study are professional developments and multidisciplinary in language teaching.

➤ MOVIE REVIEW BY OUR STUDENTS



➤ Our lecturer Enes Duran organised a movie review meeting with the students of School of Foreign Languages, They talked about their favourite movies and here you may find some of our students' recommendations for you to watch during the quarantine days!

➤ “Nowadays, I am watching the Harry Potter series again even I have already watched it 8 times. Maybe you can say are you mad or something like that. But I can watch this film series every year until the end of my life. The magic of the movies keeps us inside during all parts. And as a British accent fan, it would be wrong not to mention the movie's

perfect British accent. If you haven't watched it yet, you've lost a lot. Run and watch quickly.”
(Oğuzhan Bilen)

➤ “I watched many movies during this quarantine period. One of them is The Old Guard. It starts with the war scene and tells the struggle of 4 immortal people in the movie. They sense that there is a fifth immortal, and after they see it in their dreams, they go on a quest. The woman they're looking for is an American soldier. And the woman gets a fatal cut in a bilateral fight during the operation, and all her friends think she will die. But the woman is not dying. After finding the woman and talking to her, the adventure begins. they are struggling with evil. The fact that the leading role of the movie is a woman really impressed me. Charlize Theron played this role wonderfully. She was a woman who did a lot of favors to the world in the movie. It was a great movie that impressed me and my family. If you haven't watched, I recommend you watch it.” (Türkü Başak Özsüslü)

➤ “I saw the movie “Awakenings” by chance and I really liked it when I watched it. The friendship between the doctor and the patient is also really moving. Although the movie shows that the feeling of success is very good feeling, unfortunately the movie does not end well. The drug, which worked at first and made everyone happy, reconnected the patient to life, had side effects over time. An unexpected end! You should watch it right now. “(Gözde Mercan)



➤ “I've watched Forrest Gump three times, and every time I watch it, it feels like I'm watching it first time. It is truly a film that both delights and saddens. It contains too many messages. There is Forrest, who is chasing one hope again when he says life is over and everything is destroyed. One of the rare movies that really make an impact and will change your perspective on life. It is a long movie, but a movie you never want to end. Haven't you watched it yet? Then, you should definitely watch it, it's a magnificent movie. “(Gizem Yağmur)

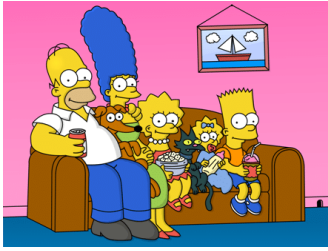


➤ 9 WAYS TO LEARN ENGLISH AT HOME IN YOUR PAJAMAS



- Our lecturer Esra Alev shared some tips for you to learn English at home!

1- WATCH TV



You know all about ‘‘The Simpsons’’ already, right? Who doesn’t?



You’ve probably heard of this massively popular American situation comedy about a group of 6 friends living in Manhattan.

2- KEEP A DIARY OR BLOG IN ENGLISH

- Keeping a diary or blog in English is the best way to get regular writing practice.



3- HOST A CULTURAL EVENT AT HOME

- It doesn’t have to be a huge party, but hosting a cultural event is a fun way to learn about the culture of English speaking countries. It doesn’t matter what you decide to do, as long as you bring people together and enjoy yourselves while practicing English. (After the pandemic is over, of course 😊)

4- PLAY VIDEO GAMES IN ENGLISH

- Most people don’t think of video games when it comes to learning a language. However, RPGs (role-playing games) and MMORPGs (massively multiplayer online role-playing games) are great ways to practice English reading, listening and even speaking.

- Did you know that you can make English speaking friends through video games?

5- ATTEND ONLINE ENGLISH CLASSES

- Just imagine having all the benefits of conversations and school-style learning without actually having to go to a classroom! Live classes are perhaps the best online English courses for extroverts.

Many online schools offer their own materials and packages and have teachers from all kinds of backgrounds. Often they're cheaper than conventional English conversation schools.

Virtual English



English Study Online

Englishtown



6- STUDY GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY ONLINE

- If you feel the need to brush up on the basics, there are plenty of helpful websites out there. Unlike textbooks, many of them are free!

English at Home



Free English Study



British Council: Learn English



7- LISTEN TO THE RADIO

- Since radio and TV programs are available online, you can sharpen your English listening skills anywhere! Whether you're washing up or sitting on a packed train you can still immerse yourself in English.

BBC Radio 4



NHK World Radio

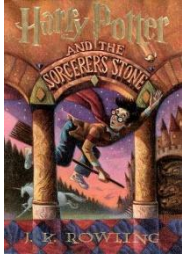


8- READ BOOKS

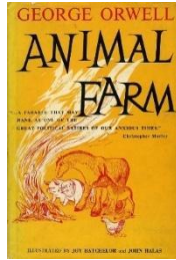
- Reading isn't just for improving your comprehension, it can also be a part of your private relaxation time! You can double your fun by reading about topics that appeal to you, especially your hobbies and interests. There are so many books available that you're bound to find one that you're passionate about.

The "Harry Potter" Series "Animal Farm"

by J.K. Rowling

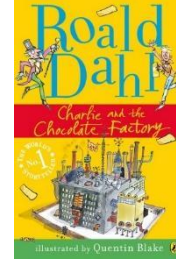


by George Orwell



"Charlie and the Chocolate Factory"

by Roald Dahl



9- TALK TO YOURSELF

- Part of learning a language is becoming more familiar with it and building up your confidence. You can rehearse a conversation in your head or front of a mirror.

So, there you have it—some great ways to study English in the comfort of your own home. Curl up with a cup of tea and have a wonderful time learning!

- Find more: <https://www.fluentu.com/blog/english/how-to-learn-english-at-home/>



➤ OPPORTUNITIES TO STUDY ABROAD

- Lecturer Yeşim Yıldız wrote an article about the opportunities to study abroad.



➤ WAYS TO GO ABROAD AS A STUDENT

- Who wouldn't want to be able to go abroad as a student? Well, do you have any information about the opportunities to go abroad? Who knows, how many of us thought of having dreams abroad, wandering the skies of Europe, taking a photo in front of the Eiffel Tower and posing as if we were fixing the Pisa Tower with our fingers. The desire to explore and experience different cultures is the most important supporter of this dream, and of course everyone would like to go on such a road for a good CV, for a better future.
- So, what are the ways to go abroad? Which projects and which websites do you need to apply? What is necessary in this journey, what documents do you need to have? You will be able to see such and more in this article. As we read our article, we seem to see that you will dream about going abroad and even say "Actually, it isn't that hard". Let's talk about "**ways to go abroad as a student**" without making you impatient any longer.

➤ AIESEC

- It is an organization established after the Second World War in order to contribute to world peace. AIESEC; It is a program where 3rd and 4th grade students of the university work voluntarily abroad and find internship opportunities. Since 2015, they have been operating in 127 countries around the world. In Turkey, it continues to serve young people with 13 branches. While you are experiencing international business experience with AIESEC, you can be volunteer in many projects.

➤ ERASMUS

- Erasmus program is an exchange project. If you are a university or graduate student, you can also apply for the Erasmus program and gain experience while studying abroad. Erasmus program, which is a good opportunity for job opportunities and gaining new skills by improving yourself, invites you to live in Europe! Living in a new country and learning a new culture and way of life allows you to

change your perspective. You can visit our school's website <https://dio.gelisim.edu.tr/> to get more info!

➤ ERASMUS+

- You can think of it as the extended version of the "Erasmus" program, which is valid for everybody aged 18-30. Within the European Union; it is a grant program valid in the fields of education, youth and sports. The program that appeals to a wide audience; it includes education, training and education programs. In addition, it includes programs such as internship, professional development, non-formal learning, volunteer work and youth based activities. You can apply for this program without paying any fee, and continue your studies in Europe. Since the program is divided into many subtitles within its own structure, you can easily find a suitable project for yourself. For example, youth exchange programs we know the most known of these is EVS



➤ EVS

- It is known as the European Voluntary Service (EVS), which takes place on the European Voluntary Service (EVS) and other portal. The program is a type of program where young people between the ages of 18 and 30 volunteer in projects. They can volunteer for 2 to 12 months in one of the European countries, which we call short or long term. In order to be included in the program, you must be with the organizations that make such a project. The actively working institutions are as follows:

- EU Project Management
- Salto Youth
- VOPOOL
- EU Listing

- You can participate in volunteering projects through the above sites. You can apply according to how you want to take part in projects or the duration of the project.





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