

# SWOSU Offering Community Class in English as a Second Language

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University will offer English as a Second Language class starting Monday, January 12, through the university's Continuing Education program on the Weatherford campus.

As a Continuing Education course, the class is open to any English-language learner regardless of current skill level. Participants do not need to be SWOSU students.

"The course was prompted by SWOSU's growing international student community," International Student Affairs Coordinator Randy Beckloff said. "Many international students are accompanied by non-student spouses and other family members. Adult family members of SWOSU international students and area community members have requested a class of this kind for some time, and we are pleased to be able to provide this service to our community."

The class will meet 1-2:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays during SWOSU's spring semester except during scheduled SWOSU campus holidays. The non-credit course will teach English-language listening, speaking, reading and writing skills to non-native English speakers.

"We believe this class will allow these family members to strengthen their English skills and feel more comfortable engaging with local residents," Beckloff said. "The increased interaction will also be enriching for the community. It's a win-win."

Instructing the course will be Veronica Aguiñaga, an adjunct instructor in the Department of Education and the Department of Language and Literature at SWOSU.

Aguiñaga holds a Master of Education degree in Teaching English as a Second Language/Bilingual Education.

The course fee is \$500 for the semester. Each student is responsible for purchasing their instructional packet and pledge to attend class regularly.

For more information or to enroll in this course, interested persons should contact the Office of Sponsored Programs and Continuing Education at 580.774.7012 or International Student Affairs at 580.774.6172.