

NANDC is proud to offer a FREE language program, I Hablo U, to our community. This bilingual community building language class will teach both ENGLISH and SPANISH as a SECOND LANGUAGE helping to bridge the communication divide in our neighborhood. As well as formal language instruction, each student will mentor another student in their own native language. Textbook and book bag included.



This is an English as a Second Language (ESL) class and a Spanish as a Second Language (SSL) class taught in tandem by USC Masters Students, as well as each student receiving a community member mentor. These study buddies will exchange information, and be encouraged to meet and speak out side of class. Each class begins with study buddy time, practicing basic language skills, and then classes are divided into language groups for intensive language learning, after which the group once again meets up with their study buddy to practice the lesson of the day.

ESL classes are an important step for economic development within the Latino Community. Becoming proficient in English can also provide a stronger sense of belonging to the community. SSL classes provide necessary skills in a more competitive bilingual job market, while also creating a better understanding of foreign cultures. More than a language class, I Hablo U will create bonds across cultural borders creating a more understanding and empathetic community.

As of March 2010, the pilot program is currently teaching 24 community members English and Spanish of all levels, including a monolingual Spanish speaker who has live here for 12 years

and is now taking his first English class. The participants are planning a bilingual karaoke pot luck party. NANDC is currently writing an UNO grant in hopes of expanding the program.

Plan to join us when these free classes begin again. Our Spanish as a Second language has wait list space available only. There are still openings in the English as a Second language program. Contact Idolina Delgado to sign up.