Center for English Language Education (CELE)

Program Director.............Autumn Witt
Programs Supported......English as a Second Language (ESL), International Student Association

The Center for English Language Education (CELE) was established at Northwest University to facilitate the University’s commitment to global exchange through providing academic ESL training for international students and to facilitate cross-cultural understanding and friendship among Northwest University’s diverse student body.

University Service
Serving a university community of scholars and learners, the Center for English Language Education proposes to develop and maintain programs of instruction, research, and professional services which provide opportunities to:

- facilitate language acquisition and cross-cultural communication;
- advise the NU community on issues of cultural diversity and facilitate interpersonal adjustments needed for cross-cultural living and service; and to
- form network relationships with international agencies, schools, and students in order to expedite cross-cultural interactions.

International Partnerships
As a representative of Northwest University, CELE has entered into partner relationships with top universities in Korea: Ewha Womans University, Soongsil University, Gachon (Kyungwon) University, Hansei University, Handong Global University, and Seoul Christian University. CELE continues to seek beneficial international partnerships.

The partnerships include:

- tuition exchange agreements for NU and Korean exchange students for 1-2 semesters of study
- visiting professor exchange opportunities
- research partnerships

English as a Second Language
The ESL program enables international students to develop the necessary skill in academic English for admission into University baccalaureate and graduate degree programs. It also provides opportunity for students who want a semester abroad experience at Northwest University to develop their English skills, and to experience American culture while studying ESL in a Christian academic environment.

Students will:
- become more proficient in reading, writing, and speaking English.
- gain a broader understanding of American culture and make friends with American Christian students and professors.
- develop study skills necessary for success in an American university.
- gain academic English skills by auditing undergraduate classes at Northwest University and participating in various programs of the University.
- Enjoy numerous cultural fieldtrips and friendship dinners to enhance their academic experience.
- CELE Graduates are conditionally admitted into Northwest University.

ESL students are enrolled in a full-time program of study that involves twelve credit hours of ESL study: Writing, Speaking, Reading, Listening, Grammar, and Pronunciation & Vocabulary. In addition, students may audit 1-2 undergraduate courses each semester for the standard auditing rate.

The total English preparation will involve 20-26 in-class hours per week.

For application forms and further information:

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