

Undergraduates Help Teach ELI Classes

Students in the BATESL program at The Church College of Hawaii are getting practical experience in the ESL field by assisting in the ELI Classes at the school.

An unprecedented enrollment in the fall created a problem for the new individualized student program in the English Language Institute. Most of the classes were too large for maximum teaching effectiveness, so they were divided, and selected students were asked to assist in the teaching.

Texts and course outlines previously prepared for the regular classes are used and teaching is under the direction of the English Language Institute staff.

Both teachers and students benefit in the smaller class, teaching-learning situation. There are frequent evaluations and reassignments as all ELI classes are now scheduled in 20 one-hour class blocks. ELI students take only the classes needed to prepare them for the regular Freshman English program.

BATESL students are paid for this ELI teaching, and it is not a substitute for the regular student teaching requirement which is supervised by the Education Department.