

Georgia Tech Language Institute Timeline



DEPARTMENT OF MODERN LANGUAGES Intensive Programs in English for Foreign Students	
Dr. Louis J. Zahn, Head,	Swann 111
Departmental Office:	Swann 111
Intensive English Programs:	Swann 111
Language Laboratories:	Swann 204 and 208
Bean	Savant 901
Clark	Savant 901
England	Savant 908
Fischer	Swann 111 (A)
Gregory	Swann 114 C

GTLI Sign in Swann Building (Date Unknown)

1977: GTLI becomes a year-round program

IEP includes 6 levels with 5 courses: Grammar, Writing, Reading, Listening, Speaking/Listening

1985: GTLI is separated from Modern Languages and moves to Continuing Education

1988: Charles Windish becomes GTLI's second director

Students from Mexico, and Venezuela become a significant part of enrollment

1980'S

1996: Atlanta Olympic Games take over GT campus and GTLI moves to Grady High School in Midtown

First GTLI web site goes live

1990'S

1997: GTLI sets record for its highest single-session enrollment at 467 students

1998: GTLI adds additional intermediate level going from 6 to 7 level program for a length of 8 weeks

1999: GTLI partners with CETL to offer support courses for international teaching assistants

2003: IEP enrollment drops below 175 students in the wake of 9/11

2000'S

2004: Karen Tucker becomes GTLI's third director

2004: GTLI offers short courses for the first time

2005: Saudi Arabian Cultural Mission begins sending students as part of a new scholarship initiative

2008: Atlanta Summer Program begins with Shanghai Jiao Tong University students

2010'S

2014: IEP reaches record enrollment of 470 students



2015: IEP becomes accredited by CEA

2015: GTLI begins partnership with Panama Bilingue

2016: GTLI launches its first MOOC (currently nearing 400,000 enrollments)

2017: GTLI expands services to campus constituents

2018: GTLI introduces a full online IEP application system



GTLI moves from Swann Building to O'Keefe Building

Dr. Louis Zahn starts GTLI as a summer academic prep program for international students beginning GT programs in the fall

Enrollment triples in size to 40 students

1970'S

1979: Iranian revolution leads a surge of enrolled students from Iran

1960'S

1964: Evening practical English program created for local community

1958

First program includes 12 students from Central & South America

International students whose native language is Spanish are urged to enroll in the special, non-credit, intensive review course in English which is offered by the Department of Modern Languages each summer. Classes are limited to 15, and the minimum enrollment required for establishing a class is 10. Inquiries concerning this special course should be addressed directly to the Department of Modern Languages. If after beginning your studies at Georgia Tech it is determined by the faculty that you need further training in the English language, you will be given an opportunity to transfer your knowledge of the language to other courses.

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