

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESL)

(P0961)

The ESL program is designed for students whose native language is not English but who already have some fundamental knowledge of the language as determined by a placement examination. The curriculum provides students with the academic English skills and cultural knowledge needed for completing a college degree. Upon successful completion of the program, students go into the appropriate course in the English department to fulfill the Communication requirement of their major. Students are not permitted to enroll in other courses in their major until they successfully complete Level II. For more details, consult the chart below. The ESL program is not currently a certificate or degree program, and it is housed in the Arts & Humanities Department.

Level I

ESL-010	ESL Reading I	N4
ESL-017	ESL Writing I	N8
ESL-021	Conversational English	N3

Level II

ESL-019	ESL Reading II	N4
ESL-020	ESL Writing II	N8
ESL-022	Advanced Conversational English	N3

Level III

ESL-033	Writing III	N6
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Courses

ESL-00A. Reg Code for ESL-010 and ESL-021. 0 Credits.

LECT hrs

Allows students to register for level 1 ESL Reading 010 and Conversational English 021.

ESL-00B. Reg Code for ESL-017. 0 Credits.

LECT hrs

Allows student to register for Level I ESL Writing.

ESL-010. ESL Reading I. 0 Credits.

LECT 60 hrs

This course introduces ESL students to the basic reading skills and academic vocabulary needed to manage college-level texts. The texts examine aspects of American culture with an emphasis on the college experience. Students are expected to respond to texts with discussions and writing.

Prerequisites: Appropriate placement test score.

ESL-017. ESL Writing I. 0 Credits.

LECT 120 hrs

This course introduces students to basic grammar, sentence structure, vocabulary and American English writing conventions with an emphasis on the paragraph. Listening comprehension, speaking, reading and writing are reinforced and practiced.

Prerequisites: Appropriate placement test score.

ESL-019. ESL Reading II. 0 Credits.

LECT 60 hrs

This course furthers the reading skills introduced in ESL Reading I. The course texts enhance cultural awareness and prepare ESL students to comprehend college-level texts in English. Students also continue to develop their academic vocabulary.

Prerequisites: ESL-010 or appropriate placement test scores.

ESL-020. ESL Writing II. 0 Credits.

LECT 120 hrs

This course expands the grammatical and writing skills introduced in Writing I. It presents narrative and descriptive short compositions and more complex sentence structure and grammar. Grammar topics include major tenses, gerunds, infinitives, passives, relative clauses, modals and noun clauses.

Prerequisites: ESL-017 or appropriate placement test scores.

ESL-021. Conversational English. 0 Credits.

LECT 45 hrs

This course provides ESL students with the basis for effective verbal communication in the academic setting. Students learn American English pronunciation, basic presentation skills and idiomatic expressions to prepare for participation in the college classroom.

Prerequisites: Appropriate placement test score.

ESL-022. Advanced Conversational English. 0 Credits.

LECT 45 hrs

This course furthers the skills introduced in Conversational English. Students learn grammar, idioms which focus on classroom communication, and American English pronunciation to advance their presentation skills.

Prerequisites: ESL-021 or appropriate placement test scores.

ESL-033. Writing III. 0 Credits.

LECT 90 hrs

This course advances students' academic writing skills in English by refining essay structure for narrative and descriptive essays and improving knowledge and use of standard English grammar rules, mechanics and punctuation. Topics include major tenses, gerunds, infinitives, passives, articles, sentence structure, parallelism, subject-verb agreement, commas and apostrophes. Students who pass ESL-033 exit the ESL program.

Prerequisites: ESL-020 or appropriate placement test score.

ESL-040. ESL Writing Review. 0 Credits.

LECT 15 hrs

This is an intensive review course for ESL-033 students who need to strengthen their academic English skills before exiting the ESL program. The course focuses on problematic areas of English language usage and helps students to remedy deficiencies in these areas. Students are placed in this course according to the final score they receive in ESL-033.

Prerequisites: ESL-033.