

DESCRIPTION OF ESL CREDIT CLASSES

ESL CORE LEVEL CLASSES

After taking the ESL assessment (ESL Accuplacer) at the Assessment Center, you will be given a score. This score reflects the class level at which you should begin. In our CORE level courses, the focus is on grammar, writing, and reading. All core classes are 18-weeks in length.

LEVEL	Low-Intermediate	High-Intermediate	Low-Advanced	Advanced	College-level
CORE COURSE	ESL 3 (5 units)	ESL 4 (4 units)	ESL 5 (4 units)	ESL 120 -comparable to ENG 20 -CSU/UC transferable (5 units)	ESL 152 -comparable to ENG 52 - UC/CSU transferable (5 units)

ESL SKILL CLASSES

Our ESL skill classes focus on developing specific language skills such as speaking, pronunciation, listening, vocabulary, reading, grammar, and spelling. It is not necessary to take the ESL Assessment to enroll in these classes.

A. Speaking and Listening Classes – In our speaking and listening classes, you will develop confidence in speaking and listening by practicing these skills in a variety of situations. At the beginning level, you will practice listening and speaking for everyday situations. At the intermediate and advanced levels, you will develop your skills by practicing listening and speaking for more academic settings. Students will practice both informal and formal presentation skills in all listening and speaking classes.

LEVEL	Beginning	Intermediate	Advanced
COURSE	ESL 7 – Oral Communication (1.5 units) 9-week course	ESL 10- Speaking & Listening 1 (3 units) 18-week course	ESL 20- Speaking & Listening 2 (3 units) 18-week course

B. Pronunciation – We offer a 9-week and an 18-week pronunciation class. In both classes, you will practice pronouncing individual and troublesome sounds, and practice using sentence stress, rhythm, and intonation in your speaking. Learning the rules that govern pronunciation in your speech will help your listening skills and help you speak more clearly.

LEVEL	Beginning-Intermediate	Intermediate-Advanced
COURSE	ESL 12 (1.5 units) 9-week course	ESL 14 (3 units) 18-week course

C. Vocabulary – In our vocabulary classes, you will increase your vocabulary to help you in speaking, listening, reading, and writing. You will learn words from the general and academic word lists and practice using them in a variety of contexts. Both classes are 18-weeks in length.

LEVEL	Beginning-Intermediate	Intermediate-Advanced
COURSE	ESL 21A (3 units) 18-week course	ESL 21B (3 units) 18-week course

D. Reading – In our reading classes, you will read a variety of texts and learn specific reading skills such as skimming and scanning for information, identifying the main idea and supporting details, vocabulary analysis, and increasing reading speed. Both classes are 9-weeks in length.

LEVEL	Beginning-Intermediate	Intermediate-Advanced
COURSE	ESL 11 (1.5 units) 9-week course	ESL 31 (1.5 units) 9-week course

E. Spelling – In this class, you will learn rules to help you spell words correctly. This is a 9-week class.

LEVEL	Beginning-Advanced
COURSE	ESL 23 (1.5 units) 9-week course

F. Idioms and Culture – In this class, you will learn about American culture and everyday idioms.

LEVEL	Intermediate-Advanced
COURSE	ESL 32 (1.5 units) 9-week course

G. Editing – In this class, you will learn to apply grammar and sentence structure rules to edit your own writing.

LEVEL	Advanced
COURSE	ESL 35 (1.5 units) 9-week course

H. TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) Preparation Course – In this class, you will learn effective test-taking strategies for the TOEFL test. This will include focused practice in listening, speaking, reading, writing, and practice exam questions.

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COURSE	ESL 57 (3 units) 18-week course