

# ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

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## ESL 111 Elementary English I 3 Credits

Focuses on fundamental grammar structures in context including but not limited to: the verb to be; simple present, present progressive, and past tense, interrogatives; singular, plural nouns and non-count noun forms; pronouns; adjective modifiers; and frequency adverbs. Upon this grammatical foundation students develop integrated skills in reading, writing, listening, speaking, pronunciation and vocabulary building.

**Components:** Class

**Prereqs/Coreqs:** Must be in ELP to enroll or special permission

## ESL 112 English Conversations I 3 Credits

Provides ample opportunities to learn and practice accurate word choices, phrasing and questions to develop confidence with pronunciation, listening and speaking skills for communication development in context.

**Components:** Class

**Prereqs/Coreqs:** Must be in ELP to enroll or special permission

## ESL 113 Beginning Reading and Writing I 3 Credits

Focuses on reading development and comprehension in support of beginning writing skills. Students have opportunities to augment vocabulary from readings and demonstrate comprehension of the readings by writing complete sentences about the reading content.

**Components:** Class

**Prereqs/Coreqs:** Must be in ELP to enroll or special permission

## ESL 115 Special Topics For Beginning I 1-3 Credits

Focuses on beginning-level integrated skills related to everyday life, habits, routines, and interpersonal communication, which are associated with new academic experiences and living in a new culture.

**Components:** Class

**Prereqs/Coreqs:** Must be in ELP to enroll or special permission

## ESL 121 Elementary English II 3 Credits

Builds upon fundamental grammar structures including, but not limited to: present, past and future verb forms; modals; comparisons and superlatives; and gerunds and infinitives. Upon this more advanced grammatical foundation students extend their skills in reading, writing, listening, speaking, and critical thinking.

**Components:** Class

**Prereqs/Coreqs:** Must be in ELP to enroll or special permission

## ESL 122 English Conversations II 3 Credits

Provides extensive opportunities to improve listening vocabulary, pronunciation, and speaking skills. In one on-one and group discussions students advance their confidence to communicate more spontaneously about various topics.

**Components:** Class

**Prereqs/Coreqs:** Must be in ELP to enroll or special permission

## ESL 123 Beginning Reading and Writing II 3 Credits

Focuses on reading comprehension, extending vocabulary and writing skills. Students have opportunities to read, develop their vocabulary, and practice writing different types of paragraphs related to the reading material themes. This course provides paragraph writing basics needed as a foundation for the expected essay writing in ESL133.

**Components:** Class

**Prereqs/Coreqs:** Must be in ELP to enroll or special permission

## ESL 125 Special Topics For Beginning II 1-3 Credits

Accommodates individual needs of Beginning II Level students enrolled in the English Language Program. This course aims to help students attain Beginning II Level by focusing on improving their area(s) of weakness, for example, grammar, reading, writing, listening and speaking.

**Components:** Class

**Prereqs/Coreqs:** Must be in ELP to enroll or special permission

## ESL 131 Intermediate Listening and Speaking 3 Credits

Focuses on listening and speaking skills needed for oral communication in a range of practical contexts with special attention given to oral communication strategies. This course enables students to participate in oral communication about common topics with confidence and with decent fluency and accuracy.

**Components:** Class

**Prereqs/Coreqs:** Must be in ELP to enroll or special permission

**ESL 132 Intermediate Reading and Vocabulary 3 Credits**

Teaches reading strategies such as skimming, scanning, making inferences, identifying main ideas and supporting details, and using discourse markers to aid comprehension. Reading assignments and vocabulary activities enable students to develop their ability to read authentic materials on common topics for different purposes.

**Components:** Class

**Prereqs/Coreqs:** Must be in ELP to enroll or special permission

**ESL 133 Intermediate Writing and Grammar 3 Credits**

Focuses on general characteristics of good writing and elements of a writing process; teaches intermediate-level grammar with special attention to grammatical errors in students' writing. This course enables students to write short essays about topics of interest with decent fluency and accuracy.

**Components:** Class

**Prereqs/Coreqs:** Must be in ELP to enroll or special permission

**ESL 134 U.S. Culture 3 Credits**

Focuses on various aspects of U.S. culture such as everyday life, living styles, holidays and festivals, traditions, sports culture, pop culture, behavioral norms, cultural expectations, values, beliefs, and diversity. This course may provide students with field trip opportunities that enhance their practical understanding of U.S. culture.

**Components:** Class

**Prereqs/Coreqs:** Must be in ELP to enroll or special permission

**ESL 135 Special Topics for Intermediate Level 1-3 Credits**

Accommodates individual needs of Intermediate Level students enrolled in the English Language Program. This course aims to help students attain Intermediate Level by focusing on improving their area(s) of weakness, for example, grammar, vocabulary, English skills, idioms, and slang.

**Components:** Class

**Prereqs/Coreqs:** Must be in ELP to enroll or special permission

**ESL 141 Advanced Listening and Speaking 3 Credits**

Develops students' abilities to engage in sustained oral communication in a variety of social contexts and to comprehend authentic listening materials from different sources. This course helps students communicate effectively about general topics in both formal and familiar contexts with a strong awareness of audience and purpose.

**Components:** Class

**Prereqs/Coreqs:** Must be in ELP to enroll or special permission

**ESL 142 Advanced Reading and Vocabulary 3 Credits**

Helps students become successful readers through familiarizing them with different types of written discourse, expanding their vocabulary, and reinforcing effective reading strategies. This course incorporates both intensive and extensive reading to improve students' ability to read authentic materials effectively and efficiently.

**Components:** Class

**Prereqs/Coreqs:** Must be in ELP to enroll or special permission

**ESL 143 Advanced Writing and Grammar 3 Credits**

Prepares students for college-level essays with emphasis on writing strategies and every stage of the writing process; teaches advanced grammar with special attention to grammatical errors in students' writing. Students learn to write college-level essays about topics of interest with an awareness of audience and purpose.

**Components:** Class

**Prereqs/Coreqs:** Must be in ELP to enroll or special permission

**ESL 144 Topics in U.S. Higher Education 3 Credits**

Introduces students to U.S. higher education, majors of interest, and a range of topics that are typically covered in undergraduate general education courses. General education topics may include, but are not limited to, fine arts, literature, world civilization, history of the United States, U.S. government and politics, gender and ethnicity, psychology, sociology, human geography, and biology.

**Components:** Class

**Prereqs/Coreqs:** Must be in ELP to enroll or special permission

**ESL 145 Special Topics for Advanced I Level 1-3 Credits**

Accommodates individual needs of Advanced Level students enrolled in the English Language Program. This course aims to help students attain Advanced Level by focusing on improving their area(s) of weakness, for example, vocabulary, English skills, idioms, and slang.

**Components:** Class

**Prereqs/Coreqs:** Must be in ELP to enroll or special permission

**ESL 151 Academic Listening and Note-taking 3 Credits**

Develops students' ability to comprehend academic lectures and take effective notes of academic lectures. Students develop familiarity with the discourse of academic lectures, refine note-taking strategies, and expand their understanding of academic topics as well as content-based vocabulary.

**Components:** Class

**Prereqs/Coreqs:** Must be in ELP to enroll or special permission

**ESL 152 Academic Speaking 3 Credits**

Develops students' ability to speak effectively in a variety of academic contexts. This course introduces students to the fundamental aspects of public speaking, improves their speaking skills for academic purposes, and expand their understanding of academic topics through oral communication.

**Components:** Class

**Prereqs/Coreqs:** Must be in ELP to enroll or special permission

**ESL 153 Academic Reading and Writing 3 Credits**

Prepares students for college-level reading and writing challenges with emphasis on critical reading strategies, basic research paper writing skills, and essay exam strategies. Students learn the basics of writing source-based papers-researching, evaluating, synthesizing, summarizing, paraphrasing, quoting and documenting.

**Components:** Class

**Prereqs/Coreqs:** Must be an international student to enroll or special permission

**ESL 155 Special Topics for Advanced II/Bridging Level 1-3 Credits**

Accommodates individual needs of Advanced II/Bridging Level students enrolled in the English Language Program. This course focuses on improving a student's area(s) of weakness for college-level studies, for example, grammar, academic vocabulary, academic English skills, and academic topics. A student may register for one to three ESL credits in a given semester.

**Components:** Class

**Prereqs/Coreqs:** Must be in ELP to enroll or special permission