

The English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program assists students in learning English as a second language. ESOL courses cover pronunciation, vocabulary in context, understanding, speaking, listening, reading, and writing the English language. Courses are designed for those seeking a certificate or a degree as well as for those wanting to learn the language to assist in adjusting to life in the United States.

ESOL classes:

Intro to English Language - (6 credit hours)

This is a course in the development of speech skills, the pronunciation of English and English sentence patterns, some English comprehension, and an understanding of American customs and diversity. An introductory English class with emphasis on survival skills, it is open to all students whose first, primary or home language is not English, regardless of the student's age, place of residence, ethnic background, academic plans or previous educational attainment.

ENGL 1120 English for Speakers of Other Languages 1 - (3 credit hours)

This course provides English language learners with an integrated English communication experience. Students will develop skills in speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Areas of study and practice will include commonly-used sounds; essential academic and social vocabulary; simple present, past, and future tenses; the progressive tenses; nouns and pronouns; sentence structure; simple paragraphing; conversation; reading aloud; and public speaking.

ENGL 1121 English for Speakers of Other Languages 2 - (3 credit hours)

In this intermediate-level course, students will work to improve their pronunciation, listening and reading comprehension, understanding of progressive and perfect verb tenses, public speaking effectiveness, sentence variety, and paragraph development.

ENGL 1122 English for Speakers of Other Languages 3 - (3 credit hours)

In this higher-level course, students will work toward greater fluency in Standard English. Areas of concentration will include accent reduction, vocabulary building, use of phrasal verbs, understanding of active and passive voice, and basic essay skills.

ESOL Conversational English – (1 credit hour)

This course is designed to help the non-native speaker improve his or her listening and speaking skills in English. The focus will be on finding meaning in spoken English. Students will be introduced to slang, idioms, and informal words and expressions as encountered in everyday conversation.

ESOL Sentence Structure- (1 credit hour)

This course is designed to help the non-native speaker improve his/her writing skills in English. This course is a study of parts of speech, grammar, subject/verb agreement, and the mechanics of sentence structure in English.

ESOL Academic Vocabulary – (1 credit hour)

This course is designed to help non-native speakers increase their knowledge of the form, meaning, use, and pronunciation of the most common academic vocabulary words used in textbooks and by instructors.

