

ESL/Languages and Culture Department

This program provides intensive language study for those whose native language is not English and are not yet proficient in English.

■ How is the English as a Second Language Program different from other ESL programs?

Students can study English full-time at the beginning, intermediate or advanced level. They study in class for 14 to 17 hours per week including ESL labs. They may also study in this program part time.

■ Can international students enroll in the ESL Program?

Yes. They may obtain an I-20 to study in this program and be admitted as a full-time student.

■ What is the application process for this program?

Students submit a completed application form with a \$25 application fee to the Office of Admissions. They should make an appointment for the ESL Placement Exam by calling 732.906.2508 or visiting the Testing Center in JLC 229. After the exam, students make an appointment in the ESL/Languages and Cultures Department to attend an oral interview, which is part of the placement test. Students will be told what their placement is when they complete the oral interview.

■ What is the ESL Placement Exam?

It is a written test that takes approximately two hours to complete. The oral interview tests speaking and listening abilities. The written test measures grammar, writing and reading abilities.

■ Who is required to take the test and can TOEFL scores be used for placement?

Anyone whose first language is not English. Students with a four-year degree and a TOEFL score of 550 or over may be exempt from the grammar and reading parts of the placement test, but they are still required to take the essay and oral interview tests.

■ When is the test administered and is there a charge?

Students may take the test Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or at other times through a special appointment and approval by the director of the Testing Center. The test is free.

■ Can ESL students receive financial aid?

United States citizens and permanent residents may be eligible for financial aid but must declare a major.

■ Questions?

Contact: Dr. Virgil Blanco, department chair, at 732.906.2597.

ESL.UN - NON-DEGREE PROGRAM

Below are required courses and recommended course groupings and sequences for program completion.
Courses may have prerequisite and corequisite requirements. Check course descriptions for details.

ESL LEVEL I - INTENSIVE

Courses	Credits	Requisites / Comments
ESL 060	3	Placement from ESL Test
ESL 061	3	Placement from ESL Test
ESL 062	3	Placement from ESL Test
ESL 063	4	Placement from ESL Test
ESL 064	4	Placement from ESL Test

Total Credits: 17

ESL LEVEL II - INTENSIVE

Courses	Credits	Requisites / Comments
ESL 071	3	ESL 061 or permission of department chairperson Corequisite(s): ESL 072
ESL 072	3	ESL 062 or permission of department chairperson Corequisite(s): ESL 071
ESL 073	4	ESL 063 or permission of department chairperson Corequisite(s): ESL 071, ESL 072, ESL 074, ESL 075
ESL 074	4	ESL 064 or permission of department chairperson Corequisite(s): ESL 071, ESL 072, ESL 073, ESL 075
ESL 075	3	ESL 063 Corequisite(s): ESL 071, ESL 072, ESL 073, ESL 074

Total Credits: 17

ESL LEVEL III - INTENSIVE

Courses	Credits	Requisites / Comments
ESL 083	4	ESL 073 or permission of department chairperson Corequisite(s): ESL 084, ESL 085, ESL 086
ESL 084	4	ESL 074 or permission of department chairperson Corequisite(s): ESL 083, ESL 085, ESL 086
ESL 085	3	ESL 075 or permission of department chairperson Corequisite(s): ESL 083, ESL 084, ESL 086
ESL 086	3	ESL 071, ESL 072 or permission of department chairperson Corequisite(s): ESL 083, ESL 084, ESL 085

Total Credits: 14

Students may also take a mathematics course.

ESL LEVEL IV - INTENSIVE

Courses	Credits	Requisites / Comments
ESL 091	3	ESL 086 or permission of department chairperson Corequisite(s): ESL 092, ESL 093, ESL 094, ESL 099
ESL 092	3	ESL 083 or permission of department chairperson Corequisite(s): ESL 086, ESL 091, ESL 093, ESL 094, ESL 099
ESL 093	4	ESL 084 or permission of department chairperson
ESL 094	4	ESL 085 or permission of department chairperson

Total Credits: 14

Students may also take a mathematics course or one major course.

ESL LEVEL V - INTENSIVE

Courses	Credits	Requisites / Comments
ESL 099	4	ESL 093 or permission of department chairperson

Total Credits: 4

Students may also take a mathematics course or two major courses.

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