

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

The English as a Second Language (ESL) program offers students a comprehensive selection of courses to improve their knowledge of and skills with English for both personal and academic purposes. The ESL program also introduces international students to American culture and customs.

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Learning Outcomes

This discipline prepares students to do the following:

- Read analytically and critically at the college level.
- Write in grammatically correct English with clarity and fluency.
- Listen actively and speak articulately.
- Research and synthesize information on topics using library and Internet sources.
- Analyze and self-correct grammatical, semantic, and lexical errors.
- Participate appropriately in an American college classroom by demonstrating cultural awareness, personal responsibility, and ethical behavior.

Courses

ESL 003A

Low-Intermediate Reading & Writing Skills

5 Units

90 lecture hours

Grade Mode: Pass/No Pass, Standard Letter

A reading and writing course for high beginning/low-intermediate English language students. The course is designed to help students expand vocabulary, reading skills, idiom usage, and sentence writing skills. Emphasis is on reading comprehension, vocabulary and usage, sentence construction, and pre-paragraph writing. This is one of two courses in ESL Level 3. NOTE: THE UNITS EARNED FOR THIS COURSE MAY NOT BE APPLIED TOWARD THE 60 UNITS FOR GRADUATION.

ESL 003B

Low-Intermediate Grammar

3 Units

54 lecture hours

Equivalent to: ESL 036

Grade Mode: Pass/No Pass, Standard Letter

A course for low-intermediate ESL students seeking to improve their grammatical accuracy in written English. Intensive review and practice of meaning and use of syntactic structures such as verb tense, modals, noun and adjective forms, questions and negatives, passive voice, adverbs, and articles. This is one of two courses in ESL Level 3. NOTE: THE UNITS FOR THIS COURSE MAY NOT BE APPLIED TOWARD THE 60 UNITS FOR GRADUATION.

ESL 004A

High-Intermediate Reading and Writing Skills

5 Units

90 lecture hours

Grade Mode: Pass/No Pass, Standard Letter

Prerequisite(s): ESL 003A or direct placement based on multiple measures.
This course prepares intermediate ESL students for Level 5 reading and writing. It includes grammar, vocabulary, and the writing skills of sentence and paragraph development. This course previews essay development and writing. This course also is designed to facilitate appropriate strategies for improving reading comprehension, vocabulary, and idiom usage. Emphasis is on college-level reading skills. This is one of two courses in ESL Level 4. NOTE: THE UNITS EARNED FOR THIS COURSE MAY NOT BE APPLIED TOWARD THE 60 UNITS FOR GRADUATION.

ESL 004B

High-Intermediate Grammar

3 Units

54 lecture hours

Equivalent to: ESL 046

Grade Mode: Pass/No Pass, Standard Letter

Prerequisite(s): ESL 003B or direct placement based on multiple measures.
Strongly recommended: For students enrolled in ESL Level 4 core courses.
A course for high-intermediate ESL students seeking to improve their grammatical accuracy. Intensive review and practice of syntactic structures such as verb tense, tag questions, gerunds and infinitives, and phrasal verbs. This is one of two courses in ESL Level 4. NOTE: THE UNITS EARNED FOR THIS COURSE MAY NOT BE APPLIED TOWARD THE 60 UNITS FOR GRADUATION.

ESL 005A**Advanced College Reading & Writing Skills****5 Units****90 lecture hours****Grade Mode: Pass/No Pass, Standard Letter**

Prerequisite(s): ESL 004A or direct placement based on multiple measures.

This course prepares high-intermediate and advanced ESL students for college-level writing and reading. It provides a review of English paragraph writing fundamentals and focuses on critical thinking and essay composition. It also aims to improve reading skills and analysis of academic texts. Students will develop reading comprehension skills, improve vocabulary through context and word stem study, and practice summarizing and paraphrasing techniques. Students will work on adopting American discourse in composition, and will work on reading skills in order to prepare for college-level coursework. This is one of two courses in ESL Level 5.

ESL 005B**Advanced Grammar****3 Units****54 lecture hours****Equivalent to: ESL 056****Grade Mode: Pass/No Pass, Standard Letter**

Prerequisite(s): ESL 004B or direct placement based on multiple measures.

Strongly recommended: For students enrolled in ESL level 5 core courses.

A course for advanced ESL students seeking to improve their grammatical accuracy in writing and speaking. Further review and practice of complex syntactic structures such as verb forms, tag questions, conditional statements, reported speech, modals and phrasal verbs, and subordinate clauses. This is one of two courses in ESL Level 5. NOTE: THE UNITS EARNED FOR THIS COURSE MAY NOT BE APPLIED TOWARD THE 60 UNITS FOR GRADUATION.

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- English as a Second Language - Program Completion (<http://catalog.citruscollege.edu/disciplines/noncredit-community-education/english-second-language-program-completion-certificate-competency/>) - NC 307, 308, 309
- English as a Second Language - Beginning Grammar (<http://catalog.citruscollege.edu/disciplines/noncredit-community-education/english-second-language-beginning-grammar-certificate-competency/>) - NC 310, 311
- English as a Second Language - Intermediate Grammar (<http://catalog.citruscollege.edu/disciplines/noncredit-community-education/english-second-language-intermediate-grammar-certificate-competency/>) - NC 312, 313
- English as a Second Language - Computer Literacy (<http://catalog.citruscollege.edu/disciplines/noncredit-community-education/english-second-language-computer-literacy-certificate-competency/>) - NC 315, 316
- English as a Second Language - Pronunciation (<http://catalog.citruscollege.edu/disciplines/noncredit-community-education/english-second-language-pronunciation-certificate-competency/>) - NC 318, 319
- English as a Second Language - Speaking (<http://catalog.citruscollege.edu/disciplines/noncredit-community-education/english-second-language-speaking-certificate-competency/>) - NC 325, 326, 327
- English as a Second Language - Noncredit to Credit Transition (<http://catalog.citruscollege.edu/disciplines/noncredit-community-education/english-second-language-noncredit-credit-transition-certificate-competency/>) - NC 309, 313, 330

Course Sequence

The ESL Sequence of Courses outlines the courses provided at various levels.



Programs

Non-Credit Certificates of Competency

- English as a Second Language - Beginning (<http://catalog.citruscollege.edu/disciplines/noncredit-community-education/english-second-language-beginning-certificate-competency/>) - NC 305, 306
- English as a Second Language - Intermediate (<http://catalog.citruscollege.edu/disciplines/noncredit-community-education/english-second-language-intermediate-certificate-competency/>) - NC 307, 308