

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Overview

The English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) courses are designed to help non-native speakers of English to enter and succeed in the community and technical college system as well as in the transfer curriculum.

ESOL skills courses focus on speaking and listening, reading and vocabulary, writing and grammar, and pronunciation. In addition, students take an integrated skills course which gives them an opportunity to explore various topics and practice all their language skills together.

Depending on their intended major, students completing the ESOL courses may begin one of the career and technical programs, enroll in general education courses, or take further developmental coursework in English and/or Reading.

Students interested in enrolling in the ESOL courses must take the ESL ACCUPLACER test. This test assesses reading, listening and grammar ability.

Before starting a major program, ESOL students must finish all required ESOL courses. ESOL 0900 is the last course students take in the ESOL program. Upon successful completion of ESOL 0900, students may begin one of the career and technical programs, enroll in general education course, or take further developmental coursework in English (ENGL 0922) and/or Reading (READ 0722). Students will work with ESOL advisors in order to choose the course that are required for their chosen major and language ability.

Course*	Cr
ESOL 0760 High Intermediate Reading & Vocabulary	5
ESOL 0770 High Intermediate Writing & Grammar	5
ESOL 0780 High Intermediate Speaking & Listening	5
ESOL 0860 Advanced Reading & Vocabulary	5
ESOL 0870 Advanced Writing & Grammar	5
ESOL 0880 Advanced Speaking & Listening	5
Electives	Cr
ESOL 0820 Pronunciation and Articulation	1
ESOL 0900 Academic Reading and Writing	5
ESOL 1490 Special Topics in English for Speakers of Other Languages	1-6

ESOL 0760 High Intermediate Reading & Vocabulary

This course introduces English learners to academic reading skills at the high intermediate level. Students identify main ideas and details, use pre-reading strategies, and infer meaning in non-fiction and short stories. Students also build their vocabulary through the study of word parts, the academic word list, and dictionary skills. This is a required course. (Prerequisite(s): Appropriate assessment score) 5C/5/0/0

ESOL 0770 High Intermediate Writing and Grammar

This course introduces English learners to academic writing at the high intermediate level. Students will improve their ability to write clear, correct sentences and well-organized paragraphs. They will study parts of speech, sentence structure, and basic verb tenses. They will also become familiar with the writing process and using a computer to create, save and edit their work. This is a required course. (Prerequisite(s): Appropriate assessment score) 5C/5/0/0

ESOL 0780 High Intermediate Speaking and Listening

This course introduces English language learners to academic speaking and listening skills at the high intermediate level. Students will deliver presentations, participate in group discussions, and take lecture notes. In addition, students will improve their pronunciation, vocabulary, and grammar and apply their language skills to learn about campus resources and engage in the college community. Use of the multimedia language laboratory is part of this course. This is a required course. (Prerequisite(s): Appropriate assessment score) 5C/5/0/0

ESOL 0860 Advanced Reading & Vocabulary

This course develops academic reading and vocabulary skills at the advanced level. Students analyze main ideas and details, use a variety of reading strategies, and summarize passages from authentic non-fiction texts and novels. Students further develop their academic vocabulary through the study of the academic word list, context clues, and dictionary skills. This is a required course. (Prerequisite(s): Appropriate assessment score or completion of EAPP 0760 with a grade of "C" or better) 5C/5/0/0

ESOL 0870 Advanced Writing & Grammar

This course develops academic writing skills at the advanced level. Students will improve their ability to write clear, correct sentences and well-organized paragraphs and essays. They will also study advanced sentence and grammar structures and apply this grammar knowledge in a variety of writing situations. This course emphasizes the writing process, basic research skills, and the use of online materials. This is a required course. (Prerequisite(s): Appropriate assessment score or completion of EAPP 0770 with a "C" or better) 5C/5/0/0

ESOL 0880 Advanced Speaking & Listening

This course develops advanced speaking and listening skills for English learners. Students will summarize lectures, lead small group discussions, and deliver presentations based on simple research. Students will also learn appropriate communication strategies for the U.S. college classroom and explore career and major programs. Use of correct grammar, clear pronunciation and academic vocabulary will be reinforced throughout the semester. Regular use of the multimedia language laboratory is part of this course. This is a required course. (Prerequisite(s): Appropriate assessment score or completion of EAPP 0780 with a grade of "C" or better) 5C/5/0/0

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ESOL 0820 Pronunciation and Articulation

This course is designed for ESOL students who need to improve their pronunciation, articulation and intonation skills. The emphasis is on the technique of sound production, enunciation, rhythm, volume, and pitch through modeling and extensive drilling. Students will reduce their accent and acquire more confidence when they speak. Students at any level are accepted, no prerequisites. 1C/0/1/0

ESOL 0900 Academic Reading & Writing

In this course, English language learners will develop analytical reading and writing skills. They will read, analyze, and respond to a variety of texts and build academic vocabulary. Students will also study advanced sentence, grammar and rhetorical structures and apply this knowledge to produce clear and effective essays. This is a required course. (Prerequisite(s): Appropriate assessment score or completion of EAPP 0860 & EAPP 0870 with a "C" or better) 5C/5/0/0

ESOL 1490 Special Topics in English for Speakers of Other Languages

This course is designed to present additional or unique material and learning experiences within a specified discipline. The course will be based on student need, flexibility, and may be designed to meet various transfer and pre-major course requirements. Please see a current Course Schedule for complete course details. Variable credits 1-6

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