

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 0850 is the last course students take in the ESOL program.

Upon successful completion of ESOL 0850, students may begin one of the career and technical programs, enroll in general education course, or take further developmental coursework in English (ENGL 1415) 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 0725	High Intermediate Reading & Vocabulary	4
ESOL 0735	High Intermediate Speaking & Listening	4
ESOL 0745	High Intermediate Writing & Grammar	4
ESOL 0750	High Intermediate Integrated Skills	3
ESOL 0825	Advanced Reading & Vocabulary	4
ESOL 0835	Advanced Speaking & Listening	4
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Electives		Cr
ESOL 0820	Pronunciation and Articulation	1

* These courses do not meet Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) Distribution Requirements

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ESOL 0725 High Intermediate Reading and Vocabulary

This course introduces non-native English speakers to academic reading skills at the high intermediate level. Students learn how to identify main ideas and details, use pre-reading strategies, increase reading speed, and interpret graphs and charts. Students also build their vocabulary through the study of word parts, the academic word list, and other strategies. The use of library resources, dictionaries, and online materials is also emphasized. This is a required course. (Prerequisite(s): Appropriate assessment score) 4C/4/0/0

ESOL 0735 High Intermediate Speaking and Listening

This course introduces non-native English speakers to academic speaking and listening skills at the high intermediate level. This course helps students improve their ability to understand native speakers and to express themselves correctly and confidently in a variety of everyday and academic situations. Students use new vocabulary and apply grammar skills to make presentations, participate in group discussions, take lecture notes, and participate in a variety of audio and video activities. This course also helps students improve their pronunciation. Regular use of the multimedia language laboratory is part of this course. This is a required course. (Prerequisite(s): Appropriate assessment score) 4C/4/0/0

ESOL 0745 High Intermediate Writing and Grammar

This course introduces non-native English speakers to academic writing skills at the high intermediate level. Students will improve their ability to write clear, correct sentences, well-organized paragraphs and short essays. Students study basic verb forms, verb tenses, and other grammar structures. Then, they apply this grammar knowledge in a variety of writing situations and formats. Students become familiar with the writing process and online materials. This is a required course. (Prerequisite(s): Appropriate assessment score) 4C/40/0

ESOL 0750 High Intermediate Integrated Skills

This course provides high-intermediate level non-native English speakers with an opportunity to integrate, apply and practice the language skills and concepts they are learning in their ESOL skills courses. The reading, writing, listening, speaking, vocabulary, and grammar skills introduced in the other courses are applied in various types of projects and presentations focusing on specific themes. Integrated skills courses focus on developing critical thinking skills and using appropriate language to express ideas and demonstrate content knowledge in a college setting. This is a required course. (Prerequisite(s): Appropriate assessment score and either completion of or concurrent enrollment in ESOL 0725, ESOL 0735, ESOL 0745) 3C/2/1/0

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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 0825 Advanced Reading and Vocabulary

In this course, non-native English speakers continue to develop their academic reading and vocabulary skills at the advanced level. Students continue to analyze main ideas and details, use pre-reading strategies, increase reading speed, and interpret graphs and charts. Students further develop their general and academic vocabulary through the study of word parts, the academic word list, and other strategies. The use of library resources, dictionaries, and online materials is also emphasized. This is a required course. (Prerequisite(s): Appropriate assessment score or completion of ESOL 0725 with a grade of “C” or better) 4C/4/0/0

ESOL 0835 Advanced Speaking and Listening

In this course, non-native English speakers continue to develop their academic speaking and listening skills at the advanced level. Students will listen to academic lectures and online media, participate in academic discussions, deliver presentations, and give oral summaries. Students will learn note-taking skills and appropriate communicative strategies for the U.S. college classroom. 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 ESOL 0735 with a grade of “C” or better) 4C/4/0/0

ESOL 0845 Advanced Writing and Grammar

In this course, non-native English speakers continue to develop writing skills and grammar accuracy at the advanced level. This course helps students improve their ability to write clear, correct sentences and well-organized paragraphs and essays. Students study advanced sentence and grammar structures and then apply this grammar knowledge in a variety of writing situations and formats. This course also emphasizes the writing process and the use of online materials. This is a required course. (Prerequisite(s): Appropriate assessment score or completion of ESOL 0745 with a grade of “C” or better) 4C/4/0/0

ESOL 0850 Advanced Integrated Skills

This course provides advanced-level non-native English speakers with an opportunity to integrate, apply and practice the language skills, and concepts they are learning in their ESOL skills courses. The reading, writing, listening, speaking, vocabulary, and grammar skills introduced in the other courses are applied in various types of projects and presentations focusing on specific themes. Integrated skills courses focus on developing critical thinking skills and using appropriate language to express ideas and demonstrate content knowledge in a college setting. This is a required course. (Prerequisite(s): Appropriate assessment score or completion of ESOL 0750 and either completion of or concurrent enrollment in ESOL 0825, ESOL 0835, ESOL 0845) 3C/2/1/0

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