

ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL)

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The ESOL Program offers classes for people whose native language is not English. Reading, writing, listening and speaking skills are taught together in Levels 1-3. Separate skill classes in reading, writing and communication are taught in levels 4-8. American culture is stressed in all 8 levels.

ESOL classes are open to adult immigrants and refugees (including U.S. citizens), and international students and visitors who want to improve their English language proficiency. Testing and orientation are required before entering the program.

COURSE OF STUDY

The ESOL Department offers Basic ESOL (Levels 1-3), Transitional ESOL (Levels 4-5) and Academic ESOL (Levels 6-8). After Academic ESOL, students are ready for RD 115 and WR 115, after which students become eligible to take most college transfer-level classes.

ESOL Levels 1 - 8 serve the needs of adult refugees and immigrants. Levels 4 - 8 also serve the needs of professional personnel working or training in the U.S., international students and international visitors.

ESOL offers both credit and non-credit classes. Levels 1-3 are non-credit classes. Levels 4 and 5 can be taken either as non-credit or college credit classes. Levels 6-8 are credit classes.

Up to twenty-four credits of Level 7 and 8 ESOL courses may be applied to all PCC associate degrees. The cost of an ESOL class ranges from a moderate fee to full college tuition. Each class in Levels 1-3 is designed to take two or three terms to complete. Each class in Levels 4 - 8 is designed to be completed in one term. All new students must be tested prior to enrollment.

Students should contact the campus where they want to attend to find out about testing. International students should first contact an international student advisor at 971-722-5670 (CA), 971-722-7150 (RC) or 971-722-8310 (SY).

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

ESOL 40 Level 4 Reading 4.00 The fourth level of ESOL and the first of a five-course sequence that focuses on reading: content comprehension, textual analysis, critical thinking skills, study skills, and language analysis. Using the dictionary, finding main ideas, summarizing, inferencing, using context clues, reviewing prereading techniques, study of word forms, common affixes, synonyms, and antonyms. Readings from textbooks and literature taught in the context of adult life roles. Prerequisites: ESOL placement test OR successful completion of ESOL 30; AND concurrent placement in ESOL 42/42N and ESOL 44/44N or higher. Audit available.

ESOL 42 Level 4 Writing 4.00 The fourth level of ESOL and the first of five-course sequence that focuses on writing. Includes introduction to the writing process; descriptive and narrative paragraphs and formal letters; review of basic grammar; introduction to present perfect and past continuous; writing and grammar taught in the context of communicating in adult life roles. Prerequisites: ESOL placement test OR successful completion of ESOL 30; AND concurrent placement in ESOL 40/40N and ESOL 44/44N or higher. Audit available.

ESOL 44 Level 4 Communication 4.00 The fourth level of ESOL and the first of a five-course sequence that focuses on communication. Identification and production of English stress and intonation; certain vowels and consonants; reductions. Listening comprehension for main idea and important details, grammatical structures, questions, and key vocabulary words. Discussion skills. Speaking using important language functions including asking for clarification, agreeing, and negotiating meaning. Short, prepared presentation. Communication taught in the context of communicating in adult life roles. Prerequisites: ESOL placement test OR successful completion of ESOL 30; AND concurrent placement in ESOL 40/40N and ESOL 42/42N or higher. Audit available.

ESOL 140 American Culture and Communication 3.00 Introduces and illustrates American cultural themes and values through instruction in reading, discussion, journal writing, film, and speeches. Introduction and beginning application of academic study skills. May include a service learning component. Does not replace courses in the core curriculum. Prerequisite: Placement in ESOL 150/150N and ESOL 152/152N and ESOL 154/154N or higher. Audit available.

ESOL 150 Level 5 Reading 4.00 The fifth level of ESOL and the second of a five-course sequence that focuses on reading; content comprehension, textual analysis, critical thinking skills, study skills, and language analysis. Using the dictionary, finding main ideas, summarizing, inferencing, using context clues, reviewing prereading techniques; study of word forms, common affixes, synonyms, and antonyms. Readings from textbooks and literature taught in the context of communicating in academic and adult life roles. Prerequisite: ESOL placement test OR successful completion of ESOL 40/40N; AND concurrent placement in ESOL 42/42N and ESOL 44/44N or higher. Audit available.

ESOL 152 Level 5 Writing 4.00 The fifth level of ESOL and the second of a 5-course sequence that focuses on writing. Review of the writing process and introduction to the essay. Descriptive, narrative, process and comparative/contrast. Review of basic grammar. Introduction to present perfect, gerunds and infinitives, and adverbial causes. Writing and grammar taught in the context of communicating in academic and adult life roles. Prerequisite: ESOL placement test OR successful completion of ESOL 42/42N; AND concurrent placement in ESOL 40/40N and ESOL 44/44N or higher. Audit available.

ESOL 153 Grammar 1 2.00 Includes the identification and practice of the following grammatical structures: subject-verb agreement, question and negation structure, verb tenses, sentence patterns, and sentence types. This elective class is designed to reinforce concepts in both oral and written contexts. Does not replace courses in the core curriculum. Prerequisites: Placement in ESOL 40/40N and ESOL 42/42N and ESOL 44/44N or higher. Audit available.

ESOL 154 Level 5 Communication 4.00 The fifth level of ESOL and the second of a five-course sequence that focuses on communication. Identification and production of English consonants and vowels; common sound substitutions; stress and intonation. Listening comprehension and discussion skills. Public speaking, including

at least one prepared speech and written outline on an academic topic. Communication taught in the context of communicating in academic and adult life roles. Prerequisite: ESOL placement test OR successful completion of ESOL 44/44N; AND concurrent placement in ESOL 40/40N and ESOL 42/42N or higher. Audit available.

ESOL 160 Level 6 Academic Reading 5.00 Content comprehension, textual analysis, critical thinking skills, study skills, and language analysis. Readings from textbooks, literature, and newspapers. Includes finding themes and main ideas, summarizing, paraphrasing, inferencing, using context clues, review of prereading techniques. Study of word forms and common affixes. Prerequisite: ESOL placement test OR successful completion of ESOL 150/150N; AND concurrent placement in ESOL 152/152N and 154/154N or higher. Audit available.

ESOL 162 Level 6 Academic Writing 5.00 Review of the writing process and development of the essay. Covers descriptive, narrative, process, and comparison/contrast essays. Review of verb tenses, sentence types, punctuation, and spelling patterns. Introduction to adverb and adjective clauses, reported speech, passive voice, and gerunds and infinitives. Prerequisite: ESOL placement test OR successful completion of ESOL 152/152N; AND concurrent placement in ESOL 150/150N and ESOL 154/154N or higher. Audit available.

ESOL 163 Grammar 2 2.00 Includes the identification and practice of the following grammatical structures: subject-verb agreement, verb tenses, passive voice, gerunds and infinitives, and articles. Designed to reinforce concepts in both oral and written contexts. Prerequisites: placement in ESOL 160 and ESOL 162 and ESOL 164 or higher. This elective class does not replace courses in the core curriculum. Audit available.

ESOL 164 Level 6 Academic Communication 5.00 Review of English consonants and vowels, consonant clusters, past tense and plural endings; common sound substitutions; intonation, phrasing, reductions and stress patterns. Listening comprehension and discussion. Public speaking, including prepared speeches with written outlines on academic topics. Prerequisites: ESOL placement test OR successful completion of ESOL 154/154N; AND concurrent placement in ESOL 150/150N and ESOL 152/152N or higher. Audit available.

ESOL 240 American Culture and Communication 2 3.00 Continued illustration of American cultural themes and values. Instruction through reading, discussion, journal- writing, film and speeches. Overview and application of academic study skills. May include a service learning component. Does not replace courses in the core curriculum. Prerequisites: Placement in ESOL 250 and ESOL 252 and ESOL 254 or higher. Audit available.

ESOL 250 Level 7 Academic Reading 5.00 Content comprehension, textual analysis, critical thinking skills, study skills, and language analysis. Readings from textbooks, short stories and/or a short novel, newspapers, and popular magazines. Includes finding themes and main ideas, summarizing, paraphrasing, inferencing, using context clues, review of prereading techniques. Study of word forms, common affixes and stems, figurative language Prerequisite: ESOL placement test OR successful completion of ESOL 160; AND concurrent placement in ESOL 162 and ESOL 164 or higher. Audit available.

ESOL 251 Advanced Supplementary Writing 3.00 Emphasizes the refinement and development of conscious control of English sentence and paragraph structures as well as the correction of persistent errors in writing. ESOL 253 provides a bridge course between ESOL 252 and ESOL 262 or between ESOL 262 and WR 115. Audit available.

ESOL 252 Level 7 Academic Writing 5.00 Review of the writing process. Covers descriptive and expository essays (e.g. descriptive narration or descriptive process, comparison/contrast, cause/effect, discussion). Review and instruction in English grammar, punctuation, and sentence structure. Prerequisites: ESOL placement test OR successful completion of ESOL 162; AND concurrent placement in ESOL 160 and ESOL 164 or higher. Audit available.

ESOL 253 Grammar 3 2.00 This elective class includes the identification and practice of the following grammatical structure; models, conditionals clause and phrase reductions, parallel structures, and reported speech. It is designed to reinforce concepts in both oral and written contexts. Does not replace courses in core curriculum. Audit available.

ESOL 254 Level 7 Academic Communication 5.00 Students develop strategies to improve spoken intelligibility, critical thinking, and listening and note taking skills in public speaking with written outlines on informative academic topics. Students review English consonants and vowels, intonation, phrasing, and stress patterns. Prerequisite: ESOL placement test OR successful completion of ESOL 164; AND concurrent placement in ESOL 160 and ESOL 162 or higher. Audit available.

ESOL 260 Level 8 Academic Reading 5.00 Content comprehension, textual analysis, critical thinking, study skills, and language analysis. Readings from textbooks, short stories and/or novel, newspapers, and popular magazines. Includes finding themes and main ideas, summarizing, paraphrasing, inferencing, evaluation of sources and analysis of arguments. Prerequisites: ESOL placement test OR successful completion of ESOL 250; AND concurrent enrollment in ESOL 252 and ESOL 254 or higher. Audit available.

ESOL 262 Level 8 Academic Writing 5.00 Review of the writing process. Covers expository essays (e.g. classification, problem/solution, definition, argument). Introduction to principles of research. General review of English grammar, punctuation, and sentence structure. Prerequisite: ESOL placement test OR successful completion of ESOL 252; AND concurrent enrollment in ESOL 250 and ESOL 254 or higher. Audit available.

ESOL 264 Level 8 Academic Communication 5.00 Students develop strategies to improve spoken intelligibility, critical thinking, and listening and note taking skills in public speaking with written outlines on academic topics, including those requiring argument and persuasion. Students review English consonants and vowels, intonation, phrasing, and stress patterns. Prerequisite: ESOL placement test OR successful completion of ESOL 254; AND concurrent placement in ESOL 250 and ESOL 252 or higher. Audit available.

ESOL 265 Level 8 Academic Communication 3.00 Students develop strategies to improve spoken intelligibility, critical thinking, and listening and note taking skills in public speaking with written outlines on academic topics, including those requiring basic argument and persuasion. Prerequisites: ESOL placement test OR successful completion of ESOL 254; AND concurrent placement in ESOL 250 and ESOL 252 or higher. Audit available.

ESOL 267 Level 8 Pronunciation 2.00 Review English consonants and vowels, intonation, phrasing, and stress patterns. Prerequisites: ESOL placement test OR successful completion in ESOL 254; AND concurrent placement in ESOL 250 and ESOL 252 or higher. Audit available.