

An accelerated one-semester preparation in English for success in college. Integrates reading, critical thinking and writing assignments, using materials that present a variety of perspectives from across the curriculum. 54 hours lecture, 54 hours laboratory.

Non-Degree Applicable, Credit Grading Option: P/NP

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

The English as a Second Language (ESL) Program provides an opportunity for students whose first language is not English to develop language skills for their personal, professional, and academic lives. Through a six-semester sequence of reading, writing, grammar, and oral communication courses, students learn in lecture classes and attend one hour of lab. They read extensively from our Extensive Reading Library collection, use technology to enhance learning, enjoy rich cultural diversity in each class, and learn from intellectually stimulating material.

The advanced level courses are degree applicable and transferable.

The ESL Program provides a secure language foundation to prepare students for professional or academic training in English.

The Las Positas College website links you to resources to learn more about the ESL Program: www.laspositascollege.edu/esl.

English as a Second Language Courses (ESL)

ESL 1A CRITICAL READING AND COMPOSITION FOR ESL 6 UNITS

Integrated approach to reading, writing, and critical thinking intended to develop ability to read and write complex, college-level prose. Emphasis is on techniques of exposition, analysis, and argumentation as well as critical reading. Some research required. Prerequisite: ESL 24 with a minimum grade of C or placement through the ESL assessment process. 108 hours lecture, 18 hours laboratory. AA/AS GE: IA. Transfer: CSU, UC; C-ID# ENGL 100.

Degree Applicable, Credit Grading Option: OP

ESL 23 ADVANCED GRAMMAR 3 UNITS

This is a one semester advanced grammar course for academic purposes. The course focuses on sentences, clauses, and phrases, verb tenses and forms, auxiliary verbs and modals, and grammar analysis primarily to enhance reading comprehension. Students are advised to enroll concurrently in ESL 23 and ESL 24 or 25. Prerequisite: ESL 120B with a minimum grade of P or NESL 220B with a minimum grade of P and ESL 121B with a minimum grade of P or NESL 221B with a minimum grade of P or placement through the ESL assessment process. 54 hours lecture. Transfer: CSU.

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ESL 24 ADVANCED READING AND COMPOSITION I 6 UNITS

This is the first semester of a one-year advanced reading and writing course for academic purposes. Emphasis is on critical reading techniques and writing expository essays as well as on grammar and vocabulary development. Prerequisite: ESL 121B with a minimum grade of P or placement through the ESL assessment process. 108 hours lecture, 18 hours laboratory. Transfer: CSU, UC*. *ESL 24 & 25 combined: maximum UC credit, 8 units.

Degree Applicable, Credit Grading Option: OP

ESL 25 ADVANCED READING AND COMPOSITION II 6 UNITS

This is the second semester of a one-year reading and writing course for academic purposes. Emphasis is on critical reading and techniques of exposition, analysis, and argumentation. Prerequisite: ESL 24 with a minimum grade of C or placement through the ESL assessment process. 108 hours lecture, 18 hours laboratory. Transfer: CSU, UC*. *ESL 24 & 25 combined: maximum UC credit, 8 units.

Degree Applicable, Credit Grading Option: OP

ESL 26 ADVANCED EDITING 3 UNITS

This course is designed to increase students' awareness of their own use of written language and give them practice in editing strategies which will enable them to use linguistic forms accurately, meaningfully and appropriately in written expression. Students are advised to enroll concurrently in ESL 26 and ESL 24 or 25. Prerequisite: ESL 120B with a minimum grade of P or NESL 220B with a minimum grade of P and ESL 121B with a minimum grade of P or NESL 221B with a minimum grade of P or placement through the ESL assessment process. 54 hours lecture. Transfer: CSU.

Degree Applicable, Credit Grading Option: OP

ESL 29 INDEPENDENT STUDY, ESL 0.5-2 UNITS

For course information, see "Independent Studies". 27-108 hours laboratory.

ESL 100 BEGINNING SPELLING SKILLS FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS 1 UNIT

This is a one semester beginning spelling class, designed to enable English language learners to recognize and use beginning sound/spelling patterns in English, develop an understanding of the sounds and symbols of English, including open/closed syllables, short and long vowel sounds, consonant and consonant cluster sounds, as well as the spelling of homophones and other problem words in everyday English. The course will also focus on basic dictionary skills to improve student autonomy. 18 hours lecture.

Non-Degree Applicable, Credit Grading Option: P/NP

ESL 110 BEGINNING VOCABULARY SKILLS FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS 1 UNIT

This is a beginning level vocabulary skills class, designed to enable English language learners to improve language proficiency by learning new vocabulary and developing vocabulary-building skills.