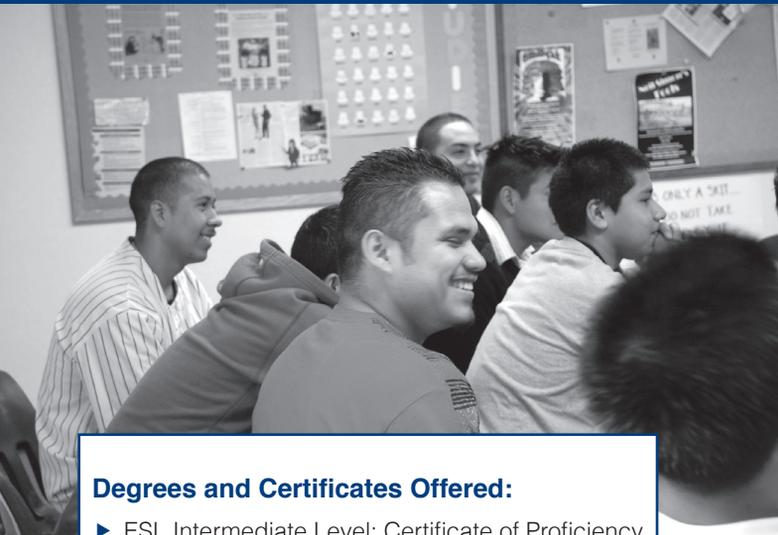


ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE



Degrees and Certificates Offered:

- ▶ ESL Intermediate Level: Certificate of Proficiency
- ▶ ESL Advanced Level: Certificate of Proficiency

The credit ESL Program offers all levels of ESL courses ranging from basic to advanced in the areas of listening, speaking, grammar, reading, and composition. The program provides language skills for students with a variety of goals, from personal enrichment to academic preparation for students who want to pursue higher education in college instructional and/or vocational programs.

In learning the English language, students learn to communicate in areas important to their personal lives, interact with native English speakers, read and understand the main ideas of a text and the supporting details that illustrate them, understand the rules and use of different grammar structures, and write about a topic with support and clarity.

Students in the ESL Program come from a wide variety of educational, cultural, and native language backgrounds and contribute that richness to the study of English as a second language. Because of the multiple factors involved in learning a language, progress varies from student to student. The program provides a sequence of courses that challenge students to review and expand skills previously learned in an atmosphere of intensity, professionalism, support, and respect. We take pride in our students and in our program.

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ESL Intermediate Level

Certificate of Proficiency

Program Learning Outcomes: After completing this certificate you will be able to:

- ▶ demonstrate a developing an aural/oral fluency in a variety of contexts.
- ▶ demonstrate intermediate level academic/study skills.
- ▶ utilize a diversity of reading skills such as skimming, scanning and deciphering new vocabulary.
- ▶ write simple, compound and complex sentences and short paragraphs.
- ▶ manipulate sentence forms using a variety of verb tenses.
- ▶ express opinions and ideas in both oral and written form.

ESL 541 Intermediate Listening/Speaking II (4 units)

ESL 542 Intermediate Reading/Vocabulary II (3 units)

ESL 543 Intermediate Grammar/Writing II (5 units)

Total units for the certificate: 12 units

ESL Advanced Level

Certificate of Proficiency

Program Learning Outcomes: After completing this certificate you will be able to:

- ▶ demonstrate a strong aural/oral fluency through one-on-one communication, small group discussion, oral presentations and debates.
- ▶ demonstrate advanced level academic/study skills.
- ▶ read fiction and nonfiction prose and poetry and utilize a wide range of reading and critical thinking skills.
- ▶ write well structured academic paragraphs and essays in a variety of rhetorical patterns.
- ▶ express opinions and ideas using increasingly accurate and fluent English.

ESL 562 Advanced ESL Reading/Vocabulary II (4 units)

ESL 563 Advanced ESL Composition II (5 units)

Total units for the certificate: 9 units