

English as a Second Language Program, Program

The English as a Second Language program is designed for students, whose native language is not English, who want to improve their ability to read, write, speak and understand American English, and who want to study at Atlantic Cape to earn a certificate or degree. The focus is on reading, writing, listening, speaking and American culture with emphasis on group interaction and active learning. Students practice writing at all levels and reading extensively. Instruction includes computer laboratory work, using the Internet, where appropriate. Class sizes are small with courses offered during the day and evening in the fall, winter, spring and summer.

Students are required to take the English as a Second Language ESL Placement Test. Students who are absent from the college for a period of more than 12 months must retake the ESL Test to re-evaluate students' skills.

ESL core program courses include Intermediate ESL I, Intermediate ESL II, Advanced ESL I, Advanced ESL II, Strategies of the American Classroom and Academic Reading and Writing. Starting level is dependent on placement test. Supplemental courses include Fundamentals of English Grammar, Advanced ESL: Grammar, Fundamentals of Pronunciation, and Reading and Vocabulary. To exit the program, students must earn both a passing grade of C or better for ESLN100 and placement into an English Department course from the ESLN100 Exit Exam.

(Fall 2022)

Upon completion of this program students will be able to:

- Demonstrate oral fluency in standard American English;
- Demonstrate aural fluency in standard American English;
- Demonstrate fluency in reading fiction, non-fiction and academic course work;
- Demonstrate fluency in a wide variety of writing.

Program Courses

See the Course Description section for course content

Required Courses

Course #	Title	Credits
ESLN070	Intermediate ESL I	6
ESLN072	Intermediate ESL II	6
ESLN080	ESL Academic Foundations	12
ESLN090	Advanced ESL I	6
ESLN092	Advanced ESL II	6
ESLN099	Strategies for the American Classroom	3
ESLN100	Academic Reading and Writing	6

Optional Courses

ESLN075 - (Required dependent on ESLN100 Exit Exam result.)

ESLN094 - (Required dependent on ESLN100 Exit Exam result.)

Course #	Title	Credits
ESLN071	Fundamentals of Pronunciation	3
ESLN074	Reading and Vocabulary	3
ESLN075	Fundamental English Grammar	3
ESLN091	Special Topics in American Culture	3
ESLN093	Advanced ESL: Listening and Speaking Skills	4
ESLN094	Advanced ESL: Grammar	3
ESLN095	American History and Citizenship	3
ESLN096	Advanced ESL: Listening and Speaking for the Workplace	3

Information

The offices of the English as a Second Language Program are located at the Charles D. Worthington Atlantic City Campus. For information, contact the Admissions Desk at (609) 343-4878 or the ESL area coordinator, Gwen McIntyre, at (609) 343-4837 or gmcintyr@atlanticcape.edu.

Adult Education - English as a Second Language

This program is funded by a grant from the New Jersey Department of Labor. The program offers free non-credit ESL classes for beginner speakers. Level 1 and 2 classes are offered in the morning and evening. For higher level students interested in college, the program offers College Pathways 3 and 4. These pre-college ESL courses provide students with the academic English skills they need to be successful in college. These classes are also free and textbooks are provided.

All ESL classes are offered at the Worthington Atlantic City campus. For more information, contact Barbara Kozek, Director, Adult Literacy at (609) 343-4713.

Total Credits	45
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