

# English as a Second Language

## English as a Second Language Degrees and Certificates

### English as a Second Language, 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.

#### 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 World Languages area coordinator, Gwen McIntyre, at (609) 343-4837 or [gmcintyr@atlanticcape.edu](mailto: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 of Adult Literacy, at (609) 343-4713.

#### 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.

### Required Program 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.)*

<b>Course #</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
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
	Total Credits	45

# English as a Second Language Courses

## ESLN060 : Elementary ESL I

Beginning level course for students whose native language is not English. Introduces the student to the basic sounds, vocabulary, sentence patterns and communicative functions of English. Emphasis on speaking and listening with an introduction to writing and reading. American cultural conventions are also presented and discussed.

**Credits** 6

**Lecture Hours** 6

**Lab/Clinical/Field Study Hours** 0

**Prerequisites**

Placement Test score

## ESLN062 : Elementary ESL II

Second level course for students whose native language is not English. Continued practice in the basic sounds, sentence patterns and functions of English. Additional grammatical forms and ways to communicate in different situations are studied, as well as continued discussion of American culture. Equal emphasis on listening, speaking, reading and writing skills.

**Credits** 6

**Lecture Hours** 6

**Lab/Clinical/Field Study Hours** 0

**Prerequisites**

ESLN060 with a grade of C or better or Placement Test score

## ESLN070 : Intermediate ESL I

Intensive practice in speaking, listening to and reading and writing English using more complex sentence structures and increased vocabulary. Emphasis is on coherence and fluency in writing and speaking. Exploration of American cultural conventions for success in daily living and work and school. Intensive practice of American sound patterns.

**Credits** 6

**Lecture Hours** 6

**Lab/Clinical/Field Study Hours** 0

**Prerequisites**

ESLN062 with a grade of C or better or Placement Test score

## ESLN071 : Fundamentals of Pronunciation

This course will promote more confident and fluent English pronunciation through extensive pronunciation exercises which will include individual consonant, vowel, and blended sounds. Other aspects of pronunciation will include speech patterns for work and sentence stress, intonation and rhythm. Assignments will be given for further development in the acquisition of standard American English.

**Credits** 3

**Lecture Hours** 3

**Lab/Clinical/Field Study Hours** 0

**Prerequisites**

ESLN062 with a grade of C or better or Placement Test score

## ESLN072 : Intermediate ESL II

Continued intensive practice in speaking, listening and reading and writing English. Continued emphasis on coherence and fluency in writing; emphasis on major items of grammatical correctness. Exploration of American cultural conventions for success in daily living, work and school. Intensive practice of American sound and speech patterns.

**Credits** 6

**Lecture Hours** 6

**Lab/Clinical/Field Study Hours** 0

**Prerequisites**

ESLN070 with a grade of C or better or Placement Test score

## ESLN074 : Reading and Vocabulary

Development of vocabulary and related learning strategies in English at the intermediate level for non-native speakers of English. Students will read a diverse range of writings including short stories, essays, poetry, and articles from newspapers, magazines and the Internet. Students will employ learning strategies for unfamiliar words and write their reaction to their reading. Students will use new vocabulary in writing assignments to practice appropriate use of word forms. Additionally, vocabulary and learning activities specific to computer technology and the Internet will be explored.

**Credits** 3

**Lecture Hours** 3

**Lab/Clinical/Field Study Hours** 0

**Prerequisites**

ESLN070 with a grade of C or better or Placement Test score

## ESLN075 : Fundamental English Grammar

Discussion and practice of fundamental grammatical structures necessary for successful oral and written communication. Students will practice using grammatical forms in academic, informal and other common situations of daily American life. Students will focus on major verb tenses, common sentence patterns, parts of speech, as well as identifying and correcting common ESL grammar errors found through such activities as oral conversation and short writing assignments. Class meets for three hours a week.

**Credits** 3

**Lecture Hours** 3

**Lab/Clinical/Field Study Hours** 0

**Prerequisites**

Placement Test score into ESLN070 or higher.

## ESLN080 : ESL Academic Foundations

Course will allow students to acquire the English language skills needed to produce multiparagraph compositions that are correctly written at the intermediate-advanced level. Contemporary reading selections and discussion activities will serve to prepare students to write short compositions. Grammatical skills will be developed through traditional instruction, group editing workshops, and computer-assisted instruction.

**Credits** 12

**Lecture Hours** 12

**Lab/Clinical/Field Study Hours** 0

**Prerequisites**

Completion of three or more years at an American high school and ESL Placement Test

## ESLN090 : Advanced ESL I

Course will develop the ability of students, whose native language is not English, to read, write, listen and speak effectively at an Advanced level. Students will develop fluency and clarity in their writing and pronunciation while developing their vocabulary in standard American English to read and listen successfully. A grade of C or better is required to progress to the next level.

**Credits** 6

**Lecture Hours** 6

**Lab/Clinical/Field Study Hours** 0

**Prerequisites**

ESLN072 with a C or better or ESL Placement Test

## ESLN091 : Special Topics in American Culture

English fluency while integrating into American society requires more than grammar, vocabulary and interactive language skills. This course gives ESL students needed cultural awareness regarding the people, events and circumstances that

have shaped America's identity and perspective of the world in a particular way throughout its history. Students examine the references Americans frequently cite about such iconic moments, as well as how these references relate in meaning to current events and life applications such as college lectures and texts. Class meets two hours per week; however, students are required to participate in the lab component for an additional two hours per week. Lab assignments are online to allow students to work at their own pace.

**Credits 3**

**Lecture Hours 2**

**Lab/Clinical/Field Study Hours 2**

**Prerequisite Courses**

ESLN090: Advanced ESL I

## ESLN092 : Advanced ESL II

Course will further develop the ability of students, whose native language is not English, to read, write, listen and speak at a High-Advanced level. Students will develop fluency and clarity in their writing and pronunciation while developing their vocabulary in standard American English to read and listen successfully. A grade of C or better is required to progress to the next level.

**Credits 6**

**Lecture Hours 6**

**Lab/Clinical/Field Study Hours 0**

**Prerequisites**

ESLN090 with a C or better or ESL Placement Test

## ESLN093 : Advanced ESL: Listening and Speaking Skills

Practice in speaking, listening to, and correctly pronouncing American English. Students will listen to various native speakers of English and discuss what they have heard. Extensive practice in pronunciation will include speech patterns like stress, intonation, and rhythm. Laboratory assignments will be given for further development in the acquisition of standard American English speech patterns. This course is required for all students, whose native language is not English, before moving into General Education or program courses.

**Credits 4**

**Lecture Hours 4**

**Lab/Clinical/Field Study Hours 0**

**Prerequisites**

ESLN092 with a grade of C or better or Placement Test score

## ESLN094 : Advanced ESL: Grammar

Discussion and practice of discrete grammatical points necessary for successful oral and written communication. Students will practice using grammatical forms in various situations, such as informal conversations and short writing assignments. Class meets two hours a week; however, students are required to participate in the lab component for an additional two hours per week. Lab assignments are online to allow students to work at their own pace.

**Credits 3**

**Lecture Hours 2**

**Lab/Clinical/Field Study Hours 2**

**Prerequisites**

ESLN092 with a grade of C or better or Placement Test score

## ESLN095 : American History and Citizenship

Students develop stronger English language skills from studying key events in American history, icons and issues of democracy and citizenship that have shaped our national identity. Also, students explore the meaning and correct use of common sayings referencing these events and ideas. Class meets two hours per week in person and an additional two hours per week online.

**Credits 3**

**Lecture Hours 2**

**Lab/Clinical/Field Study Hours 2**

**Prerequisites**

ESLN090 with a grade of C or better or Placement Test score

## ESLN096 : Advanced ESL: Listening and Speaking for the Workplace

Discussion and practice of verbal and nonverbal skills needed in a professional environment: problem solving, vocabulary building, practice of appropriate idiomatic phrases to communicate effectively in typical work and social situations. For non-native speakers of English who have reached an advanced level of proficiency in English and who want to refine their skills.

**Credits** 3

**Lecture Hours** 3

**Lab/Clinical/Field Study Hours** 1

**Prerequisites**

ESLN092 with a grade of C or better or Placement Test score

## ESLN099 : Strategies for the American Classroom

Instruction and guided practice in the skills necessary to succeed in an American college classroom, especially asking questions, answering questions, participating in small and large group discussions, note-taking, lecture listening, text reading, and vocabulary development. Required of students on the basis of ESL placement.

**Credits** 3

**Lecture Hours** 3

**Lab/Clinical/Field Study Hours** 0

**Prerequisites**

ESLN092 with a grade of C or better or Placement Test score

## ESLN100 : Academic Reading and Writing

Guided experience for English Language Learners in academic reading and writing. Students will critically read academic texts and prepare academic essays. Students will be guided through the stages of writing as well as critical thinking activities in relation to text.

**Credits** 6

**Lecture Hours** 6

**Lab/Clinical/Field Study Hours** 0

**Prerequisites**

ESLN080 with a grade of C or better, or ESLN092 with a grade of C or better, or Placement Test score