

English as a Second Language

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Program Description

CRC offers courses in ESL designed to provide students with the command of the English language necessary to pursue both transfer level and vocational courses. Students can enter with virtually no knowledge of English and progress to an extremely proficient level.

Career Opportunities

Command of the English language is critical in any career choice

Highlights

- Well-trained, dedicated staff
- Wide range of practical course offerings designed to facilitate entry into other programs
- Curriculum of interest to international students

NOTE TO TRANSFER STUDENTS:

If you are interested in transferring to a four-year college or university to pursue a bachelor's degree in this major, it is critical that you meet with a CRC counselor to select and plan the courses for your major. Schools vary widely in terms of the required preparation. The courses that CRC requires for an Associate's degree in this major may be different from the requirements needed for the Bachelor's degree.

For information about the student learning outcomes for this program, see <http://www.crc.losrios.edu/pslo>

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

ESL 90

Language Skills Laboratory

.5-1 Units

Prerequisite: None

Hours: 54 hours LAB

This is a laboratory course designed to enable students to focus on specific English language skills through interaction with tutors, faculty, and computer software programs. This class is recommended for ESL students at any level who need further, focused attention to very specific skills including, but not limited, to pronunciation, grammar, vocabulary development and spelling. Students may enter the course at any time during the first nine weeks of the semester and earn either .5 or 1 unit. For each semester of enrollment, a specific study plan will be developed by faculty in consultation with the student. Students may repeat the course, earning a maximum of six units. This course is graded on a credit no/ credit basis.

ESL 299

Experimental Offering in English as a Second Language

.5-4 Units

Prerequisite: None

Hours: 18 hours LEC ; 54 hours LAB

ESL - GRAMMAR (ESLG)

ESLG 57

Intermediate-Mid English Grammar

3 Units

Prerequisite: None

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is designed to provide intermediate students with an intensive overview of English grammar and syntax including sentence building, correct usage and punctuation. Students will analyze native speaker texts and demonstrate ability to control target forms in their own writing. Recommended for students in ESLW 50 or 310 who wish to reinforce their control of English grammar and sentence structure.

ESLG 86

Verb Tense and Aspect

2 Units

Prerequisite: Eligibility is determined by the assessment process, or completion of ESLW 40 with a grade of "C" or better

Hours: 36 hours LEC

This 2-unit elective course provides an overview of the English verb system. Students will learn the 12 active voice verb structures and their meanings. Intensive practice will be given in choosing appropriate verb tenses for different purposes. Students will also learn how various kinds of verbs affect sentence structure.

ESLG 299
Experimental Offering in
English as a Second Language - Grammar .5-4 Units
Prerequisite: None
Hours: 18 hours LEC ; 54 hours LAB

ESLG 310
Intermediate-High Grammar 4 Units
Prerequisite: Eligibility is determined by the assessment process,
or completion of ESLG 57 with a grade of "C" or better
Course Transferable to CSU
Hours: 72 hours LEC

This course focuses on further practice of the forms, meanings, and usage of grammatical structures of English. Oral practice in class reinforces the structures studied. Students practice writing extensively both in and out of class.

ESLG 320
Advanced-Low Grammar 4 Units
Prerequisite: Eligibility is determined by the assessment process,
or completion of ESLG 310 with a grade of "C" or better
Course Transferable to CSU
Hours: 72 hours LEC

This course focuses on practice in the forms and meaning of major structures used in writing with an emphasis on clause structure. Oral practice reinforces the structures studied. Students practice writing extensively, both in and out of class. Assignments emphasize sentence structure in the context of longer written work.

ESL - LISTENING (ESLL)

ESLL 20
Novice Listening and Speaking 4 Units
Prerequisite: None
Hours: 54 hours LEC ; 54 hours LAB

This course will provide an introduction to English at the Novice level. It is characterized by an emerging ability to understand and produce appropriate responses in high-frequency situations utilizing learned materials, standardized messages, phrases and expressions including certain content required for basic communication, such as dates, time, weather, food, family etc. Students will learn all the sounds of English and be introduced to the intonation patterns of American English. Communication will be comprehensible to a sympathetic listener accustomed to interacting with non-native speakers.

ESLL 30
Novice-High Listening and Speaking 4 Units
Prerequisite: Completion of ESLL 20 with a grade of "C" or better,
or placement through the assessment process
Hours: 54 hours LEC ; 54 hours LAB

This is a course in listening comprehension and speaking at the novice-high level characterized by common contexts, and high frequency vocabulary and expressions. Students will recognize and produce sounds and patterns in American English, and will understand and be understood by sympathetic listeners and speakers. This course may be taken two times for credit.

ESLL 40
Intermediate-Low Listening and Speaking 4 Units
Prerequisite: Completion of ESLL 30 with a grade of "C" or better, or
placement through the assessment process
Hours: 54 hours LEC ; 54 hours LAB

This is a course in listening comprehension and practical conversation for non-native English speakers who plan to take college courses. Students will learn to recognize and use the sounds of American English, stress, rhythm, and intonation patterns. This course may be taken two times for credit.

ESLL 50
Intermediate-Mid Listening and Speaking 4 Units
Prerequisite: Completion of ESLL 40 with a grade of "C" or better,
or placement through the assessment process
Hours: 54 hours LEC ; 54 hours LAB

This is a course to help students understand and be understood in both familiar and unfamiliar situations. Students will be introduced to academic listening and speaking activities and will continue to work on pronunciation skills. This course may be taken two times for credit.

ESLL 299
Experimental Offering in
English as a Second Language - Listening .5-4 Units
Prerequisite: None
Hours: 18 hours LEC ; 54 hours LAB

ESLL 310
Intermediate-High Listening and Speaking 4 Units
Prerequisite: Completion of ESLL 50 with a grade of "C" or better,
or placement through the assessment process
Course Transferable to CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC ; 54 hours LAB

This course focuses on pronunciation skills within the context of meaningful communication in an academic and employment setting. The emphasis is on understanding and producing stress, rhythm and intonation patterns of English so meaning will not be distorted.

ESLL 320
Advanced-Low Listening and Speaking 4 Units
Prerequisite: Completion of ESLL 310 with a grade of "C" or better;
or placement through the assessment process
Course Transferable to CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC ; 54 hours LAB

This is a course with intensive practice in listening and active participation strategies that are appropriate for American college courses. Students will listen to extended lectures from various subject areas, refine note-taking skills, be able to participate in in-depth discussions, and give oral presentations. Students will continue to improve pronunciation skills.

ESL - PRONUNCIATION (ESLP)

ESLP 50

Intermediate-Mid Pronunciation 4 Units

Prerequisite: ESLL 40 and ESLW 40 with grades of "C" or better

Hours: 54 hours LEC ; 54 hours LAB

This course is designed to help intermediate English language learners move toward more comprehensible speech. Students will have intensive work on recognizing and producing speech sounds including analysis of the contrasts between the phonemic inventory of the student's home language and the phonemic inventory of "standard" American English. Patterns of English stress, rhythm, and intonation are reviewed and practiced. Emphasis is on neuromuscular development and use of the organs of speech.

ESLP 85

Pronunciation 2 Units

Prerequisite: Eligibility is determined by the assessment process;

or completion of ESLL 40 with a grade of "C" or better

Hours: 36 hours LEC

This elective course is designed for students who need to improve their pronunciation. It offers intensive practice in the pronunciation and recognition of American English sounds. Students will be introduced to intonation patterns of English, syllables, and stress. This course may be taken two times for credit.

ESLP 310

Intermediate-High Pronunciation 4 Units

Prerequisite: ESLP 50 and ESLW 50 with grades of "C" or better

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC ; 54 hours LAB

This course is designed to further enhance intelligible speech in English language learners. In addition to review of the International Phonetic Alphabet and standard American speech sounds, students will receive intensive training in the phonology of English including common contractions, reductions, deletions, and the effects of specific phonetic environments. Participants record speech production exercises and receive personal analysis and suggestions for improvement. Students will be responsible for writing and presenting dialogs, skits, and brief other oral presentations.

ESLP 320

Advanced-Low Pronunciation 4 Units

Prerequisite: ESLP 310 and ESLW 310 with grades of "C" or better

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC ; 54 hours LAB

In this course, students focus on refining English pronunciation skills with an emphasis on eliminating production errors in spontaneous spoken English. Students will review and expand their understanding of phonological principles. Skill mastery will be demonstrated through lengthy impromptu presentations on prepared or familiar topics.

ESL - READING (ESLR)

ESLR 20

Novice Reading 4 Units

Prerequisite: None

Hours: 54 hours LEC ; 54 hours LAB

This course will provide an introduction to English at the Novice level, which is characterized by an emerging ability to read and write words, phrases and sentences common in high-frequency situations utilizing learned materials, standardized messages, phrases and expressions including basic words, phrases, and sentences introduced in the Listening and Speaking core text. In addition, students will learn basic rules, phonetics and basic grammar necessary to read and write comprehensibly.

ESLR 30

Novice-High Reading 4 Units

Prerequisite: Completion of ESLR 20 with a grade of "C" or better;

or placement through the assessment process

Hours: 54 hours LEC ; 54 hours LAB

This course focuses on reading words, phrases, and sentences in short texts. Students will learn more core vocabulary, literal comprehension, and grammar necessary to understand short readings.

ESLR 40

Intermediate-Low Reading 4 Units

Prerequisite: Completion of ESLR 30 with a grade of "C" or better;

or placement through the assessment process

Hours: 54 hours LEC ; 54 hours LAB

This course focuses on developing reading skills with an emphasis on building vocabulary, literal comprehension, and fluency. Students will discuss and write about readings.

ESLR 50

Intermediate-Mid Reading 4 Units

Prerequisite: Completion of ESLR 40 with a grade of "C" or better;

or placement through the assessment process

Hours: 54 hours LEC ; 54 hours LAB

This course focuses on the introduction of academic reading skills, with an emphasis on vocabulary development, literal comprehension, and dictionary skills. Students will practice critical thinking skills to understand, analyze, discuss, and write responses to ideas expressed in readings.

ESLR 310

Intermediate-High Reading 4 Units

Prerequisite: Completion of ESLR 50 with a grade of "C" or better;

or placement through the assessment process

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 72 hours LEC

This course focuses on the introduction of academic reading skills with an emphasis on speed, vocabulary expansion, and comprehension of ideas in expository writing and fiction; and introduces students to library use. Students will use critical thinking skills to understand, paraphrase, outline, summarize, and respond to ideas expressed in reading, both orally or in writing.

ESLR 320
Advanced-Low Reading **4 Units**
Prerequisite: Completion of ESLR 310 with a grade of "C" or better; or placement through the assessment process
Course Transferable to CSU
Hours: 72 hours LEC

This course focuses on refining academic reading skills with an emphasis on speed, vocabulary development, and analytical comprehension. Students will practice research and synthesizing skills and do extensive writing based on critical analysis of readings.

ESLR 499
Experimental Offering in English as a Second Language - Reading **.5-4 Units**
Prerequisite: None
Course Transferable to CSU
Hours: 18 hours LEC ; 54 hours LAB

ESL - WRITING (ESLW)

ESLW 20
Novice Writing **4 Units**
Prerequisite: None
Hours: 54 hours LEC ; 54 hours LAB

This course is for students with little experience in English. It is an introduction to writing English. Students will learn to spell through phonetics and sight words, phrases, parts of speech and the elements of basic sentences. They will learn to write both yes and no questions, and why and how questions. Finally, they will be able to write about common topics introduced in all beginning language courses. This course is for non-native speakers of English who plan to take college courses.

ESLW 30
Novice-High Writing **4 Units**
Prerequisite: Completion of ESLW 20 with a grade of "C" or better; or placement through the assessment process
Hours: 54 hours LEC ; 54 hours LAB

In this course students will learn simple sentences and paragraph structures. This course is an introduction to writing in English for non-native speakers who plan to take college courses.

ESLW 40
Intermediate-Low Writing **4 Units**
Prerequisite: Completion of ESLW 30 with a grade of "C" or better; or placement through the assessment process
Hours: 54 hours LEC ; 54 hours LAB

In this course students will learn to write focused paragraphs with a clear beginning, middle and end. They will learn to use critical thinking skills and correct grammar in their writing.

ESLW 50
Intermediate-Mid Writing **4 Units**
Prerequisite: Completion of ESLW 40 with a grade of "C" or better; or placement through the assessment process
Hours: 54 hours LEC ; 54 hours LAB

In this course students will learn techniques essential to essay writing. They will continue to develop sentence structure in longer pieces of writing.

ESLW 85
Parts of Speech **2 Units**
Prerequisite: Eligibility is determined by the assessment process; or completion of ESLW 40 with a grade of "C" or better
Hours: 36 hours LEC

This elective course covers the most important parts of speech in English. Students will learn to identify and use nouns, pronouns, adjectives, adverbs, verbs, prepositions, and conjunctions in basic sentences. This course may be taken two times for credit.

ESLW 86
Spelling **2 Units**
Prerequisite: Eligibility is determined by the assessment process; or completion of ESLR 40 with a grade of "C" or better
Hours: 36 hours LEC

This elective course is designed for students who need to improve their spelling. It includes an introduction to the basic spelling rules and patterns of English. Students will also learn homophones, suffixes, and plurals. Students will develop competence in the ability to spell. This course may be taken two times for credit.

ESLW 310
Intermediate-High Writing **4 Units**
Prerequisite: Completion of ESLW 50 with a grade of "C" or better; or placement through the assessment process
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
See UC Limitations & Counselor
Hours: 72 hours LEC

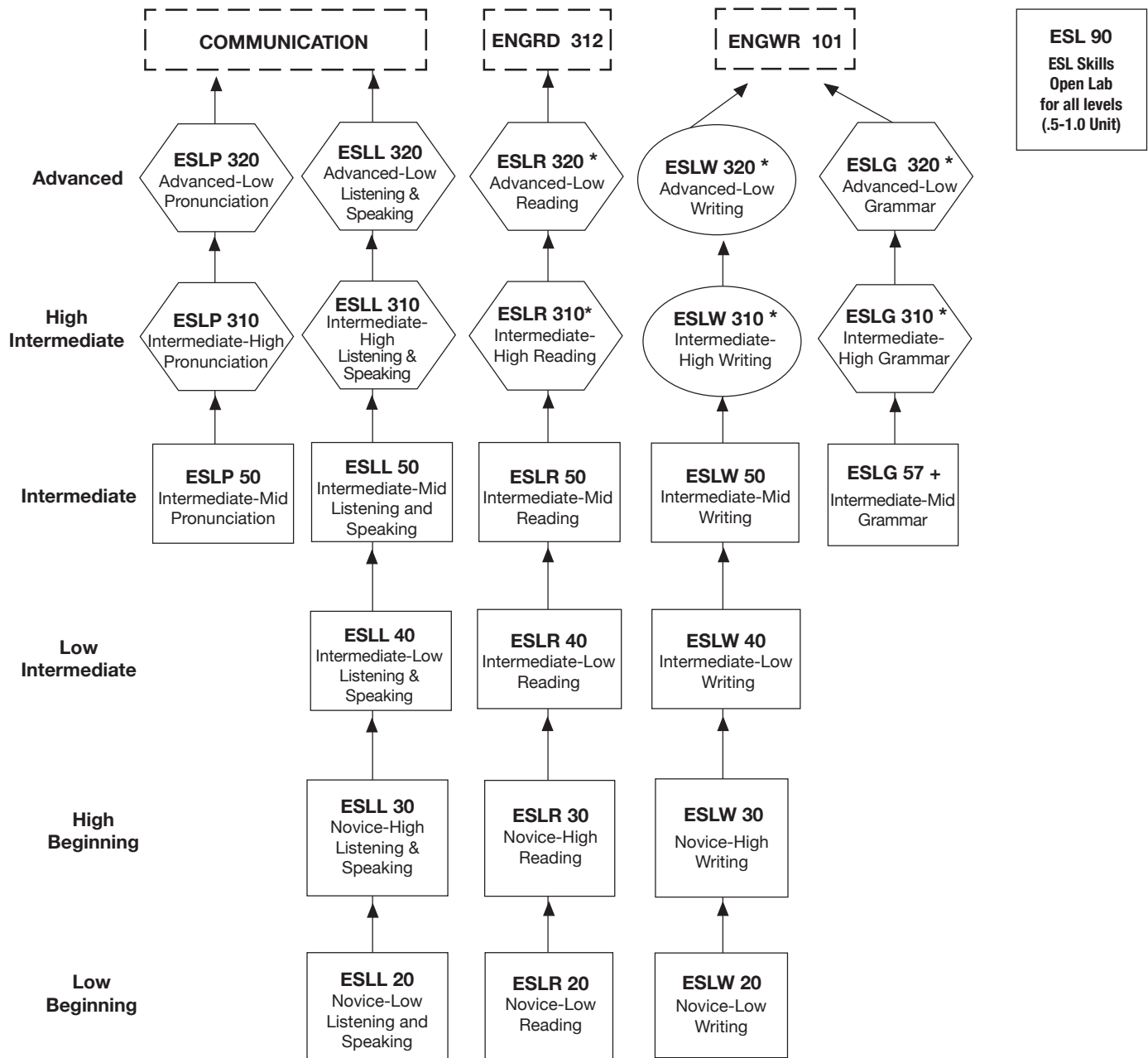
In this course students will continue to develop their ability to respond to a variety of essay assignments. They will practice critical thinking skills through class discussion and written response to readings and prompts. They will refine their ability to control a range of sentence structures.

ESLW 320
Advanced-Low Writing **4 Units**
Prerequisite: Completion of ESLW 310 with a grade of "C" or better; or placement through the assessment process
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
See UC Limitations & Counselor
Hours: 72 hours LEC

In this course students will use critical thinking skills and the writing process to produce a variety of focused, developed and organized essays. The course emphasizes sentence variety and the mechanics of English in the context of the essay. Essays will incorporate outside sources as well as personal experience.

ESLW 499
Experimental Offering in English as a Second Language - Writing **.5-4 Units**
Prerequisite: None
Course Transferable to CSU
Hours: 18 hours LEC ; 54 hours LAB

English As A Second Language Course Ladder



Unless noted, all courses are four units, 3 hours Lecture and 3 hours Lab

* 4 Unit Lecture Only Sequence Courses

+ 3 Unit Lecture Only Course

= Transferable to UC & CSU

= Transferable to CSU

(Course Level Reflects California Pathway Descriptors)