English as a Second Language

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The credit, non-transfer English as a Second Language program consists of academically focused courses for students who speak a language other than English at home or whose first language is not English. English and critical thinking skills are taught to prepare students to successfully take transfer level English and many other 100 level courses. Writing, reading, speaking, and listening are core components of this credit program. Students’ educational, vocational, and personal goals are supported and encouraged. Dedicated ESL tutors are available in the learning resource centers. The writing sequence (ESL-050, ESL-051, ESL-062W and ESL-98W) gives a direct pathway to transfer level English and equips students with vital writing skills for further college and professional success. Two ESL certificates provide students with clear pathways to complete the ESL program. The ESL Certificate Level 1 is 12 units, consisting of ESL-050, ESL-051, and ESL-063R. The ESL Certificate Level 2 is 11 units; students complete ESL-056, ESL-064R, and ESL-098W. The Combined English Skills Assessment Test (CELSA) is used for placement into the credit ESL program; students meeting the minimum score for the ESL credit program are eligible to take ESL-050, ESL-063R, ESL-055, and ESL-056.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Produce effective, clear, reasoned, well-supported, and well-organized five paragraph essays.
- Extract meaning from various texts by identifying the author’s intent, main points, and supporting details.
- Express ideas and opinions verbally in response to spoken communication in the classroom environment in a coherent and effective manner.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) SEQUENCE

Recommended sequence of English as a Second Language courses:

Semester 1:
ESL-050 English as a Second Language Level 1 (4 units)
(determined by placement score into the ESL credit program)

ESL-063R ESL Reading & Vocabulary Level 1 (4 units)
(determined by placement score into the ESL credit program/ may be taken at any point in the ESL sequence)

Semester 2:
ESL-051 English as a Second Language Level 2 (4 units)
(determined by placement score or the completion of ESL-050)

ESL-0656/COMM-056 English Conversation and Culture (3 units)
(determined by placement score into the ESL credit program/ may be taken at any point in the ESL sequence)

Required courses for the ESL Certificate Level 1
(12 units)
- ESL-050
- ESL-051
- ESL-063R

Semester 3:
ESL-064R ESL Academic Reading & Vocabulary Level 2
(4 units)
(determined by placement score or the completion of ESL-063R)

ESL-062W Basic Writing Skills (4 units)
(determined by placement score or the completion of ESL-051)

Semester 4:
ESL-098W English Writing Fundamentals (4 units)
(determined by placement score or the completion of ESL-062W)

Required courses for the ESL Certificate Level 2
(11 units)
- ESL-0656/COMM-056
- ESL-064R
- ESL-098W

Note: Every effort has been made to keep program information current. Please use this information as a guide and consult with the chair of the department/program or an MSJC counselor.