

English as a Second Language

Undergraduate Courses for Credit

Other ESL Courses for Credit

ESL 105: Skills for Academic Reading Success (3 credits) Prerequisite: Level 0 score on ESL-PIC Test. Introduction to academic reading strategies to build basic reading competence in English. Designed for English language learners (ELLs) with very low ESL-PIC, TOEFL or IELTS reading scores as a way to build reading skills and optimize future reading success.

ESL 120: Grammar & Editing in English as a Second Language (3 credits) No placement test required. Open to intermediate non-native writers of English. Suggested for freshmen and sophomores. Grammar and language instruction in the context of writing and reading. Includes individual one-on-one conferences with instructor to focus on specific challenges each student writer faces in English writing.

ESL 135: Basic Skills in Academic Listening & Speaking (3 credits) Prerequisite: Open to all ESL students. This is a course for English language learners (ELLs) who have never had instruction or experience listening to academic lectures or taking notes. It will teach students skills to give academic presentations, participate effectively in class discussions, take notes on lectures, critically think, and study for and take tests. Placement based on TOEFL/IELTS scores and/or in-class evaluation.

ESL 145: Practice in Academic Listening & Speaking (3 credits) Prerequisite: Open to all ESL students. This is a course for English language learners (ELLs) who have had previous instruction and experience listening to academic lectures, taking notes, and giving formal talks and presentations. It will be a review and expansion of these skills and provides many opportunities to practice and polish. Placement based on TOEFL/IELTS scores and/or in-class evaluation.

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ESL Credit Writing Courses

Non-native English speaking students needing to meet the composition requirement for graduation should take one of the ESL credit writing courses. To place into these courses, students must take the ESL-PIC Test through the Testing Center. The test is offered regularly. Please see the link below for more information about the ESL-PIC test. <https://www4.uwm.edu/des/apps/testregistration/index.cfm?a1=login>

ESL 115: Basic Writing in English as a Second Language (6 credits)

Prerequisite: Level 1 score on ESL-PIC test. Extensive reading and writing with grammar and language instruction in the context of reading and writing. Individual one-on-one conferences with instructor to focus on specific challenges each student writer faces in English writing. Each student's writing is evaluated at the end of the semester to see which ESL writing course the student qualifies to take next.

ESL 116: Introduction to College Writing in English as a Second Language (6 credits)

Prerequisite: Level 2 score on ESL-PIC test or grade of at least C in ESL 115. Introduction to college writing, including writing from sources. Extensive reading and writing with grammar and language instruction in the context of reading and writing. Includes individual one-on-one conferences with instructor to focus on specific challenges each student writer faces in English writing. Each student's writing is evaluated at the end of the semester to see which ESL writing course the student qualifies to take next.

ESL 117: College Writing in English as a Second Language (6 credits)

Prerequisite: Level 3 score on ESL-PIC test or grade of at least C in ESL 116. Academic reading and writing, including writing from sources and critical analysis. Includes individual one-on-one conferences with instructor to focus on specific challenges each student writer faces in English writing. Each student's writing is evaluated at the end of the semester to see which ESL writing course the student qualifies to take next.

ESL 118: Advanced College Writing in English as a Second Language (3 credits)

Prerequisite: Level 4 score on ESL-PIC test or grade of at least C in ESL 117. Uses the same assignments and final evaluation process as English 101. Prepares and qualifies ESL writers for English 102.

English 102: College Writing and Research (3 credits), ESL sections

Prerequisite: Grade of at least C in ESL 118 or English 101; or English Placement Test (EPT) score at level 3. ESL sections of English 102 are reserved for non-native speakers of English. Registration only through ESL 118/ENG 102 ESL Sections Coordinator: Amy Shields, grisk@uwm.edu, Curtin 504.