

## ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

The major purpose and goal of the ESL program is to provide quality instruction in reading, writing, speaking and critical thinking. The ESL program intends to develop competency in students' understanding and use of the English language so that they may successfully enter and complete either a vocational or college level major and fully participate in the communities in which they live. We offer courses at convenient times (mornings, afternoons, evenings, and Saturdays).

These are the **Program Learning Outcomes**:

- Develop an understanding of American culture, society and history.
- Demonstrate progressive proficiency of the English language in different situations.
- Demonstrate progressive competence in listening, speaking, reading and writing ability in English in all areas of life.

### Suggested Guideline for Student Level of Difficulty

Courses	High Beginning	Intermediate	High Intermediate	Advanced
Grammar (4 Units)	284A/B	215A/B	216A/B	217A/B
Listening & Speaking (4 Units)	283A/B	232A/B	233A/B	50A/B
Reading & Writing (6 Units)	285A/B	222A/B	223A/B	52A/B
Pronunciation (3 Units)		257A	257B	
Conversation (3 Units)	258A			
Vocabulary (3 Units)		205A	205B	

### ESL 50A

#### Advanced Listening and Speaking

4 units, 4 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)

Prerequisites: ESL 200B or 233B or placement through multiple-measures assessment process

Acceptable for credit: CSU

Advanced level listening and speaking in American English: Listening comprehension, public speaking strategies, grammar, vocabulary, idioms, and pronunciation. 4930.86

AA/AS area 4D

### ESL 50B

#### Oral Communication for Advanced ESL Students

4 units, 4 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)

Prerequisites: ESL 50A or placement through multiple-measures assessment process

Acceptable for credit: CSU

Continuation of advanced level listening and speaking in American English: Listening comprehension, public speaking strategies, grammar, vocabulary, idioms, and pronunciation. 4930.86

AA/AS area 4D

### ESL 52A

#### Advanced Reading and Writing

6 units, 6 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)

Prerequisites: ESL 21A or 223B or placement through multiple-measures assessment process

Acceptable for credit: CSU, UC

Advanced level of reading and writing: Critical thinking skills, critical and analytical reading of college level texts, and writing of research and other academic papers. 4930.87

AA/AS area 4A, 4D



**ESL 52B****Advanced Reading and Writing**

6 units, 6 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)

Prerequisites: ESL 52A or placement through multiple-measures assessment process

Acceptable for credit: CSU, UC

Continuation of advanced level of reading and writing: Critical thinking skills, critical and analytical reading of college level texts, and writing of research and other academic papers. 4930.87

AA/AS area 4A, 4D

**ESL 205A****Vocabulary and Idioms in Context 3**

3 units, 3 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)

Prerequisite: Appropriate placement through multiple-measures assessment process

Intermediate level of vocabulary: Study of words and idioms as used in context. 4930.81

**ESL 205B****Vocabulary and Word Analysis in Context 4**

3 units, 3 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)

Prerequisite: ESL 205A or appropriate placement through multiple-measures assessment process

High intermediate/low advanced level of vocabulary and content: Focus on vocabulary useful in academic courses; analysis of word derivations. 4930.81

**ESL 215A****Intermediate Grammar**

4 units, 4 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)

Prerequisites: ESL 252B or 284B or placement through multiple-measures assessment process

Intermediate level of English grammar: Introduction to complex grammar structures and sentence patterns. 4930.87

**ESL 215B****Intermediate Grammar**

4 units, 4 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)

Prerequisites: ESL 215A or placement through multiple-measures assessment process

Continuation of intermediate level of English grammar: Introduction to complex grammar structures and sentence patterns. 4930.87

**ESL 216A****High Intermediate Grammar**

4 units, 4 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)

Prerequisites: ESL 202A or 215B or placement through multiple-measures assessment process

High intermediate level of English grammar: Further study of complex grammar structures and sentence patterns. 4930.87

**ESL 216B****High Intermediate Grammar**

4 units, 4 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)

Prerequisites: ESL 216A or placement through multiple-measures assessment process

Continuation of high intermediate level of English grammar: Further study of complex grammar structures and sentence patterns. 4930.87

**ESL 217A****Advanced Grammar**

4 units, 4 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)

Prerequisites: ESL 202B or 216B or placement through multiple-measures assessment process

Advanced level of English grammar: Expanding, refining, and applying the complex grammar skills used in academic writing, reading, listening, and speaking. 4930.87

**ESL 217B****Advanced Grammar**

4 units, 4 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)

Prerequisites: ESL 217A or placement through multiple-measures assessment process

Continuation of advanced level of English grammar: Expanding, refining, and applying the complex grammar skills used in academic writing, reading, listening, and speaking. 4930.87

**ESL 222A****Intermediate Reading and Writing**

6 units, 6 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)

Prerequisites: ESL 285B or 251B or placement through multiple-measures assessment process

Intermediate level of reading and writing: Academic vocabulary and critical thinking skills using intermediate-level ESL reading materials; expanding paragraphs into simple narratives and essays. 4930.87

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**ESL 222B****Intermediate Reading and Writing**

6 units, 6 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)

Prerequisites: ESL 222A or placement through multiple-measures assessment process

Continuation of intermediate level of reading and writing; Academic vocabulary and critical thinking skills using intermediate-level ESL reading materials; expanding paragraphs into simple narratives and essays. 4930.87

**ESL 223A****High Intermediate Reading and Writing**

6 units, 6 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)

Prerequisites: ESL 222B or 201A or placement through multiple-measures assessment process

High intermediate level of reading and writing: Critical readings of essays, short academic texts, short stories, and/or a novel; writing well-developed essays and compositions. 4930.87

**ESL 223B****High Intermediate Reading and Writing**

6 units, 6 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)

Prerequisites: ESL 223A or placement through multiple-measures assessment process

Continuation of high intermediate level of reading and writing: Critical readings of essays, short academic texts, short stories, and/or a novel; writing well-developed essays and compositions. 4930.87

**ESL 232A****Intermediate Listening and Speaking**

4 units, 4 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)

Prerequisites: ESL 250B or 283B or placement through multiple-measures assessment process

Intermediate level listening and speaking: Improving fluency and accuracy in American English through listening comprehension, grammar, vocabulary, idioms, pronunciation, and presentation skills. 4930.85

**ESL 232B****Intermediate Listening and Speaking**

4 units, 4 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)

Prerequisites: ESL 232A or placement through multiple-measures assessment process

Continuation of intermediate level listening and speaking: Improving fluency and accuracy in American English through listening comprehension, grammar, vocabulary, idioms, pronunciation, and presentation skills. 4930.85

**ESL 233A****High Intermediate Listening and Speaking**

4 units, 4 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)

Prerequisites: ESL 232B or 200A or placement through multiple-measures assessment process

High intermediate level listening and speaking: Improving fluency and accuracy in American English through listening comprehension, grammar, vocabulary, idioms, pronunciation, and presentation skills. 4930.85

**ESL 233B****High Intermediate Listening and Speaking**

4 units, 4 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)

Prerequisites: ESL 233A or placement through multiple-measures assessment process

Continuation of high intermediate level listening and speaking: Improving fluency and accuracy in American English through listening comprehension, grammar, vocabulary, idioms, pronunciation, and presentation skills. 4930.85

**ESL 257A****Pronunciation 3**

3 units, 3 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)

Recommended preparation: ESL 256 or appropriate placement through multiple-measures assessment process

Non-degree applicable

Beginning level pronunciation of American English: Improvement in pronunciation, intonation, and fluency in English for speakers of ESL with practice in the use of standard conversational expressions and styles. 4930.82

**ESL 258****Conversation 2**

3 units, 3 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)

Recommended preparation: Appropriate placement through multiple-measures assessment process

Non-degree applicable

Beginning level of spoken American English: Focus on self-expression and vocabulary needed for daily activities. 4930.82



**ESL 283A****High Beginning Listening and Speaking**

4 units, 4 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)

High beginning level listening and speaking: Improving fluency and accuracy in American English through listening comprehension, grammar, vocabulary, idioms, pronunciation, and presentation skills. 4930.85

**ESL 283B****High Beginning Listening and Speaking**

4 units, 4 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)

Prerequisites: ESL 283A or placement through multiple-measures assessment process

Continuation of high beginning level listening and speaking: Improving fluency and accuracy in American English through listening comprehension, grammar, vocabulary, idioms, pronunciation, and presentation skills. 4930.85

**ESL 284A****High Beginning Grammar**

4 units, 4 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)

High beginning level of English grammar: Basic grammar structures, sentence patterns and parts of speech. 4930.87

**ESL 284B****High Beginning Grammar**

4 units, 4 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)

Prerequisites: ESL 284A or placement through multiple-measures assessment process

Continuation of high beginning level of English grammar: Basic grammar structures, sentence patterns, and parts of speech. 4930.87

**ESL 285A****High Beginning Reading and Writing**

6 units, 6 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)

High beginning level of reading and writing: Fiction and non-fiction readings adapted for ESL ; writing short narrative and descriptive paragraphs. 4930.86

**ESL 285B****High Beginning Reading and Writing**

6 units, 6 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)

Prerequisites: ESL 285A or placement through multiple-measures assessment process

Continuation of high beginning level of reading and writing: Fiction and non-fiction readings adapted for ESL ; writing short narrative and descriptive paragraphs. 4930.86

