

AMERICAN LANGUAGE (AMLA)

Correction: Added missing textual prerequisite 'or appropriate placement' 9/26/25

AMLA 1A College Composition for Non-Native English Speakers

4 Units (Degree Applicable, CSU, UC)

UC Credit Limitation

Lecture: 72

Prerequisite: ENGL 68 or AMLA 90 or appropriate placement

Engages non-native English students in the reading and writing process with emphasis on college-level reading, critical analysis, research skills, and expository and argumentative composition mindful of purpose and audience while developing an awareness of fundamental principles of cultural competence and linguistic awareness that are inherent in language learning.

AMLA 70 Basic to Intermediate Writing and Reading

5 Units (Not Degree Applicable)

(May be taken for option of letter grade or Pass/No Pass)

Lecture: 90

Advisory: Guided self-placement tool or completion of noncredit ESL Level 4

Basic to intermediate level accelerated writing and reading for non-native speakers with an emphasis on preparation for academic writing, critical thinking, and vocabulary development.

AMLA 71 American Language Basic Reading

4 Units (Not Degree Applicable)

(May be taken for option of letter grade or Pass/No Pass)

Lecture: 72

Advisory: AMLA 70

Formerly AMLA 31R

Basic reading and vocabulary for non-native English speakers.

AMLA 72 American English Pronunciation

2 Units (Not Degree Applicable)

(May be taken for option of letter grade or Pass/No Pass)

Lecture: 36

Formerly AMLA 21S

Pronunciation for English language learners with emphasis on analysis of individual strengths and weaknesses. Focus on improving articulation, stress, intonation patterns, and listening.

AMLA 80 Intermediate to Advanced Writing and Reading

5 Units (Not Degree Applicable)

(May be taken for option of letter grade or Pass/No Pass)

Lecture: 90

Advisory: AMLA 70

Intermediate to advanced accelerated writing and reading for English Language Learners with an emphasis on preparation for academic writing, critical thinking, and vocabulary development.

AMLA 81 American Language Intermediate Reading

4 Units (Not Degree Applicable)

(May be taken for option of letter grade or Pass/No Pass)

Lecture: 72

Advisory: Eligibility for AMLA 80 or ESL LVL5 or ESL LVL6

Intermediate reading and vocabulary for English language learners.

AMLA 82 American Language Interpersonal Communication

2 Units (Not Degree Applicable)

(May be taken for option of letter grade or Pass/No Pass)

Lecture: 36

Advisory: AMLA 80

Formerly AMLA 22S

Enhances ability of non-native speakers to communicate in personal and academic situations. Emphasis on grammatical accuracy and sophistication as well as increasing confidence in communication.

AMLA 83 Idiomatic English

2 Units (Not Degree Applicable)

(May be taken for option of letter grade or Pass/No Pass)

Lecture: 36

Advisory: AMLA 80

Formerly AMLA 24

Intermediate course in the study of idiomatic language, including common American idioms and proverbs, as used in everyday language situations.

AMLA 87 AMLA Grammar Foundations for English Language Learners

2 Units (Not Degree Applicable)

(May be taken for option of letter grade or Pass/No Pass)

Lecture: 36

Focuses on beginning to intermediate grammar topics for the academic success of English language learners, with an emphasis on usage that improves writing and speaking. Topics covered include most frequently used verb forms and tenses, sentence parts, sentence types and sentence structure, as well as the writing process and editing skills in writing.

AMLA 90 Accelerated Writing for English Language Learners

5 Units (Degree Applicable, CSU, UC)

UC Credit Limitation

(May be taken for option of letter grade or Pass/No Pass)

Lecture: 90

Prerequisite: AMLA 80 or eligibility for AMLA 90

Introduce advanced English Language Learners to academic reading, writing, and communicating in a thematic context while nurturing metacognitive and critical thinking skills for engaging in college-level course work. Students complete substantial writing assignments based on readings in different genres, utilize synthesized information from on a variety of class sources and library research, and establish authorship and voice in academic English.

AMLA 91 American Language Advanced Reading for English Language Learners

4 Units (Degree Applicable)

(May be taken for option of letter grade or Pass/No Pass)

Lecture: 72

Advisory: *AMLA 90*

Formerly AMLA 33R

Advanced reading and vocabulary for English Language Learners, with special attention to strategies that increase comprehension, vocabulary development, and critical thinking

AMLA 92 American Language Formal Speaking

2 Units (Not Degree Applicable)

(May be taken for option of letter grade or Pass/No Pass)

Lecture: 36

Advisory: *AMLA 90*

Formerly AMLA 23S

Enhances the ability of non-native speakers to listen effectively and speak formally. Emphasis is on note taking, outlining, organizing speeches, and verbal articulation of ideas.

AMLA 93 American Language Colloquial English for English Language Learners

2 Units (Not Degree Applicable)

(May be taken for option of letter grade or Pass/No Pass)

Lecture: 36

Prerequisite: *AMLA 90 (May be taken concurrently)*

Advanced course in the study of colloquial English, including common American idioms and proverbs, slang, professionalisms, body language, language-appropriate communication, online English, and jargon, as used in everyday language situations to understand American intelligibility in a variety of informal settings.

AMLA 97 AMLA Advanced Grammar for English Language Learners

2 Units (Not Degree Applicable)

(May be taken for option of letter grade or Pass/No Pass)

Lecture: 36

Advisory: *Eligibility for AMLA 90*

Focus on advanced grammar topics for English Language Learners, with an emphasis on constructions that improve writing and speaking. Topics covered will include level of diction, importance of word choice, sentence sophistication, sentence connectors, sentence variety, verb tense review, modals, verbals, passive voice, and coherence devices.

AMLA 98 American Culture for English Language Learners

3 Units (Degree Applicable, CSU)

(May be taken for option of letter grade or Pass/No Pass)

Lecture: 54

Advisory: *AMLA 90 (May have been taken previously)*

Introduction to various aspects of American culture, including beliefs, lifestyles, attitudes, values, college culture, and issues for English Language Learners. This course is designed to promote a better understanding and awareness of American culture to help students not only succeed in college but to integrate into society and add to the fabric of the community. The course contextualizes social, political, religious, intellectual, technological, and economic facets of the prism of American life.