

ENGLISH AS SECOND LANGUAGE

Classes and programs are available for English language learners at all levels of proficiency, from low literacy to advanced and ready to transition into credit or career pathways. Classes and services include:

- Orientation and assessment for level placement (Foundations – Level 6)
- Core level classes focusing on integrated skills (grammar, listening, speaking, reading, and writing)
- Skill-focused classes (Speaking, Writing, and Reading)
- Specialized courses (TOEFL preparation, Citizenship preparation)
- Transition to credit and/or career training program (VESL Career Paths)
- English for Specific Uses (ESU) courses (Accounting, Real Estate, and Healthcare)
- Supplemental ESL workshops, tutoring, and conversation groups
- Academic and career counseling, educational planning, and annual career conference
- Workshops and classroom presentations on college and career options

The ESL office and registration services are located in the Language Center, Building 66. For more information, please contact us at (909) 274-5235, email us at ESLreg@mtsac.edu, or visit us on our website (<https://www.mtsac.edu/esl/>).

VESL Career Paths

Certificate of Competency
#35611

VESL Career Paths is a two-semester program designed to facilitate advanced level ESL students in transitioning from noncredit ESL to credit and/or vocational certificate programs. The VESL Program builds upon advanced English language proficiency, computer literacy, and education and career exploration skills. Students take the group of courses together in cohorts and must successfully complete the two-semester program in order to receive a VESL certificate.

VESL is for students who:

- Need more language and work skills for better job opportunities
- Want a college degree but need to improve English and study skills before transferring to credit
- Have a college degree and work experience from native country, but need to improve their English so they can earn a vocational certificate
- Need more English and computer skills in order to be more active in their family's life and in their community

Students who complete the VESL program:

- Increase English proficiency
- Gain experience using computers
- Learn how to design and give media presentations
- Develop job search and interviewing skills
- Earn a Certificate of Competency for VESL
- Earn a General Office Skills Certificate of Completion

Program Outline

Course Prefix	Course Name	Units
Required Courses		
ESL VSPK	VESL Speaking	
ESL VWRT	VESL Writing	
BS CNSL5	Career and Life Planning for ESL	
VOC CS41	Office Management Skills	
VOC CSB15	Microcomputer Applications	

Course Prefix	Course Name	Units
Recommended Electives		
ESL LANG2	ESL Computer and Language Skills Lab	
ESL LANG3	English for Special Uses	
ESL TOEFL	TOEFL Preparation (Test of English as a Foreign Language)	
ESL VHLTH	English for Health Professionals	
ESL 21S	ESL Accent Reduction	
ESL 70	Basic to Intermediate Writing and Reading	
ESL 80	Intermediate to Advanced Writing and Reading	
ESL 90	Accelerated Developmental Writing for ESL	
VOC CS11	Computer Keyboarding	
VOC CS12	Intermediate Computer Keyboarding	
BS LRN50	Learning Support Laboratory	

VESL 1 (1st Semester)

1. Office Management Skills (VOC CS41)
2. VESL Speaking (ESL VSPK)
3. VESL Writing (ESL VWRT)
4. Career and Life Planning (BS CNSL5)

VESL 2 (2nd Semester)

1. Microcomputer Applications (VOC CSB15)
2. English (AMLA, credit English, or an elective)

*NOTE: Students are **required** to take **ALL** classes in the VESL program together.

COST: The VESL program is free, with the exception of course books and campus parking permit.

ESL - Beginning Level

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#38082

ESL students are placed within the sequence of beginning-level ESL courses according to their English abilities. Students progress through this sequence based on individual needs before transitioning into intermediate-level ESL courses or employment. Supplemental courses including speaking, writing, reading, vocational language, and learning support courses will assist their progress through the sequence and may be taken along with ESL level courses as needed.

Courses are offered all year long, including winter and summer intersessions. Classes are offered days, evenings and weekends.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students placed within the ESL Foundations through ESL Level 2 will be able to successfully complete the sequence of beginning level courses by submitting a comprehensive portfolio that contains multiple measures and evidence

of their skill achievement in English language proficiency based on department standardized rubrics for beginning level listening, speaking, reading and writing.

Review [Student Learning Outcomes \(SLOs\)](#) for this program.

Required Courses

Course Prefix	Course Name	Units
ESL FDN	ESL - Foundations	
ESL PLVL1	ESL - Pre-Level 1	
ESL LVL1	ESL - Level 1	
ESL LVL2	ESL - Level 2	

Recommended Electives

Course Prefix	Course Name	Units
ESL SPKP1	ESL - Speaking A for Beginners (Pre-1)	
ESL WRTP1	ESL - Writing A for Beginners (Pre-1)	
ESL SPKA	ESL - Speaking A	
ESL WRTA	ESL - Writing A	
ESL LANG1	Language Skills Laboratory	
ESL LANG3	English for Special Uses	
ESL READ	ESL - Reading	
BS LRN50	Learning Support Laboratory	

ESL - Intermediate Level

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ESL students are placed within the sequence of intermediate-level ESL courses according to their English abilities. Students progress through this sequence based on individual needs before transitioning into advanced-level ESL courses or employment. Supplemental courses including speaking, writing, reading, vocational language, and learning support courses will assist their progress through the sequence and may be taken along with ESL level courses as needed.

Courses are offered all year long, including winter and summer intersessions. Classes are offered days, evenings and weekends.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students placed within ESL Level 3 and ESL Level 4 will be able to successfully complete the sequence of intermediate level courses by submitting a comprehensive portfolio that contains multiple measures and evidence of their skill achievement in English language proficiency based on department standardized rubrics for intermediate level listening, speaking, reading and writing.

Review [Student Learning Outcomes \(SLOs\)](#) for this program.

Required Courses

Course Prefix	Course Name	Units
ESL LVL3	ESL - Level 3	
ESL LVL4	ESL - Level 4	

Recommended Electives

Course Prefix	Course Name	Units
ESL SPKB	ESL - Speaking B	
ESL WRTB	ESL - Writing B	
ESL LANG1	Language Skills Laboratory	

ESL LANG3	English for Special Uses
ESL READ	ESL - Reading
ESL 21S	ESL Accent Reduction
BS LRN50	Learning Support Laboratory

ESL - Advanced Level

Certificate of Competency #38094

ESL students are placed within the sequence of advanced-level ESL courses according to their English abilities. Students progress through this sequence based on individual needs before transitioning into credit courses or employment. Supplemental courses including speaking, writing, reading, vocational language, and learning support courses will assist their progress through the sequence and may be taken along with ESL level courses as needed.

Courses are offered all year long, including winter and summer intersessions. Classes are offered days, evenings and weekends.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students placed within ESL Level 5 and ESL Level 6 will be able to successfully complete the sequence of advanced level courses by submitting a comprehensive portfolio that contains multiple measures and evidence of their skill achievement in English language proficiency based on department standardized rubrics for advanced level listening, speaking, reading and writing.

Review [Student Learning Outcomes \(SLOs\)](#) for this program.

Required Courses

Course Prefix	Course Name	Units
ESL LVL5	ESL - Level 5	
ESL LVL6	ESL - Level 6	

Recommended Electives

Course Prefix	Course Name	Units
ESL SPKC	ESL - Speaking C	
ESL WRTC	ESL - Writing C	
ESL LANG1	Language Skills Laboratory	
ESL LANG3	English for Special Uses	
ESL READ	ESL - Reading	
ESL TOEFL	TOEFL Preparation (Test of English as a Foreign Language)	
ESL VHPTH	English for Health Professionals	
ESL 21S	ESL Accent Reduction	
ESL 70	Basic to Intermediate Writing and Reading	
ESL 80	Intermediate to Advanced Writing and Reading	
BS LRN50	Learning Support Laboratory	

Counseling Services:

The ESL Counseling Team offers academic, career, and personal/educational counseling to assist current and prospective students in developing their educational plans, coordinating their career goals, and navigating the American educational system. Students are encouraged to visit or call the office for appointments; walk-in appointments are also available. Some services include:

- Providing orientation and educational planning to noncredit students
- Defining values, skills, aptitudes, and abilities for the right career choice
- Exploring careers of interest and pathways leading to them
- Providing workshops to help transition into credit classes
- Researching license, degree, and transfer of units/credit
- Finding referrals to campus and community resources
- Access to computers and printers in the Career Guidance Center

For more information, call (909) 274-5715 or email at ESLCounseling@mtsac.edu.

Learning Resources:

The ESL Department offers a variety of learning opportunities outside of the traditional classroom in order to help support students with development of effective English communication and lifelong habits of learning. Some of these services include:

- ESL Library reading and writing material for all levels and available for check out
- Workshops on special topics such as learning styles and vocabulary development
- Language Learning Center open lab for independent practice
- Tutoring services in grammar and writing

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ESL 80	Intermediate to Advanced Writing and Reading	
ESL 90	Accelerated Developmental Writing for ESL	
ESL FDN	ESL - Foundations	
ESL PLVL1	ESL - Pre-Level 1	
ESL LANG1	Language Skills Laboratory	
ESL LANG2	ESL Computer and Language Skills Lab	
ESL LANG3	English for Special Uses	
ESL LVL1	ESL - Level 1	
ESL LVL2	ESL - Level 2	
ESL LVL3	ESL - Level 3	
ESL LVL4	ESL - Level 4	
ESL LVL5	ESL - Level 5	
ESL LVL6	ESL - Level 6	
ESL READ	ESL - Reading	
ESL SPKP1	ESL - Speaking A for Beginners (Pre-1)	
ESL SPKA	ESL - Speaking A	
ESL SPKB	ESL - Speaking B	
ESL SPKC	ESL - Speaking C	
ESL VHPTH	English for Health Professionals	
ESL VSPK	VESL Speaking	
ESL VVRT	VESL Writing	
ESL WRTP1	ESL - Writing A for Beginners (Pre-1)	
ESL WRTA	ESL - Writing A	
ESL WRTB	ESL - Writing B	
ESL WRTC	ESL - Writing C	
CITZ NAT	Citizenship for Naturalization	
ESL TOEFL	TOEFL Preparation (Test of English as a Foreign Language)	
BS CNSL5	Career and Life Planning for ESL	
BS LRN50	Learning Support Laboratory	

VOC CS11	Computer Keyboarding
VOC CS12	Intermediate Computer Keyboarding
VOC CSB15	Microcomputer Applications
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Language Learning Center

Mt. San Antonio College's Language Learning Center (LLC) provides faculty guided, as well as independent, learning opportunities for ESL, AMLA, Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Spanish, and Sign Language. Located in the Learning Technology Center, Building 77, room 1005, the LLC serves both credit and noncredit students learning a language. Users of the LLC may register year-round. Offerings include:

- Interactive language software in all supported languages
- DVD's, videos, audio recordings
- Pronunciation software

For more information on the LLC, contact (909) 274-4580.