

ESL SPECIALTY COURSES, BEGINNING

Certificate of Competency

Program #3P44168

This is a focused language certificate program for English as a Second Language (ESL) Beginning students. The program has one required course (ESL Student Support Center) and at least one elective course: ESL Reading Skills Beginning; ESL Writing Skills Beginning; ESL Grammar Review Beginning; ESL Speaking Skills Beginning; ESL Vocabulary Review Beginning; ESL and Computer Skills Beginning; or American Idioms Beginning. Students can choose the area of focus based on their personal goals and needs. The ESL Student Support Center offers an opportunity to practice English through various instructional media. Students learn through ESL software and/or receive individual and group tutoring to improve their speaking listening reading and writing skills.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Core Courses (12 Hours)		
ESLA 001	ESL Student Support Center	12
Required Elective Course (36 Hours)		
Must complete one of the following courses:		36
ESLA 180	ESL Reading Skills, Beginning	36
ESLA 182	ESL Speaking Skills, Beginning	36
ESLA 185	ESL Writing Skills, Beginning	36
ESLA 222	ESL Grammar Review, Beginning	36
ESLA 225	ESL Vocabulary Review, Beginning	36
ESLA 250	American Idioms, Beginning	36
ESLA 801	ESL and Computer Skills, Beginning	36
Total Hours		48

Plan of Study

First Year

First Semester	Hours
ESLA 001	12
ESLA 180, 182, 185, 222, 225, 250, or 801	36
Total Hours	48

or

First Year

First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
ESLA 001	12	ESLA 180, 182, 185, 222, 225, 250, or 801 (Elective Course - Must complete 1 of 7 courses)	36
		Total Hours	48

List of Courses

ESLA 001 **1-200 Hours**
ESL Student Support Center

The ESL Student Support Center provides supplemental English instruction through individual and small group learning. Students can attend instructor-led workshops, focusing on targeted language skills, including conversation and pronunciation, grammar review, and reading and writing strategies. Students are provided opportunities to develop digital literacy skills, practicing English through instructional technology. *(Apportionment)*

ESLA 180 **36-72 Hours**
ESL Reading Skills, Beginning

This ESL course emphasizes reading comprehension skills while building vocabulary and critical thinking skills for students who are in beginning low and beginning high level. *(Apportionment)*

ESLA 182 **36-72 Hours**
ESL Speaking Skills, Beginning

This course is designed to help English language learners at a beginning level develop and build fluency in speaking. The class will focus on accurate pronunciation and different types of spoken language used in every day situations. *(Apportionment)*

ESLA 185 **36-72 Hours**
ESL Writing Skills, Beginning

This ESL course will acquaint students with writing skills required to develop basic-level writing techniques by focusing on sentence structure, parts of a sentence, topic sentences, body sentences and concluding sentences. *(Apportionment)*

ESLA 222 **36-84 Hours**
ESL Grammar Review, Beginning

This course will teach the meanings and usages of basic English grammar structures that are frequently used in everyday situations. Students will learn how to apply grammar rules through oral and written communication. This class is designed for ESL students placed in the beginning low and beginning high levels. *(Apportionment)*

ESLA 225 **36-72 Hours**
ESL Vocabulary Review, Beginning

Students will review, expand, and retain basic vocabulary words and phrases organized by commonly used topics. Students will work on using approximately fifteen practical target words per class in oral and written exercises. This course is designed for the ESL students placed in the Beginning Low and Beginning High levels. *(Apportionment)*

ESLA 250 **36-72 Hours**
American Idioms, Beginning

This course aims at developing language skills through the use of common North American English idioms and expressions. Receptive skills (i.e., listening and reading) are emphasized through exposure to daily life experiences. *(Apportionment)*

ESLA 801 **36 Hours**
ESL and Computer Skills, Beginning

The course introduces ESL students to hands-on exploration and use of current Microsoft Windows programs. Students will learn basic computer parts, keyboarding, and the basics of MS Word, PowerPoint, Print Shop, and Excel. Emphasis is on building confidence in computer use to improve English skills in grammar, vocabulary, writing, speaking, pronunciation, and reading. *(Apportionment)*