English as a Second Language

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English as a Second Language Courses

The following courses are for students whose first language is not English. Courses taken to meet the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences English proficiency requirement may not be taken pass/nonpass. English as a Second Language (ESL) courses may not be taken as satisfactory/unsatisfactory. In order to enroll in ESL courses, students must take the English Proficiency Evaluation (EPE) or receive consent from the ESL office.

ESL:1000 First-Year Seminar 1 s.h.
Small discussion class taught by a faculty member; topics chosen by instructor; may include outside activities (e.g., films, lectures, performances, readings, visits to research facilities).

ESL:1005 ESL Special Topics 1 s.h.
Small discussion class taught by a faculty member; topics chosen by instructor; may include outside activities (e.g., films, lectures, performances, readings). Same as CLAS:1005.

ESL:1006 Independent Study in Academic Language and Skill Support 1 s.h.
Academic language skills and resources to achieve academic success including writing, effective reading strategies, vocabulary building, listening and note taking, speech fluency and clarity; exploration of study skills and strategies; cultural expectations in U.S. academic settings including academic integrity; culture shock; time management skills; techniques to stay motivated and manage stress; overcoming barriers to student success; assignments emphasize demonstration of language skill development and self-reflection. Requirements: completion of all ESL requirements.

ESL:1650 College Success for International Students 1 s.h.
Skills and resources to help international students achieve academic success; reflection on academic habits and experiences; exploration of study skills and strategies; cultural expectations in U.S. academic settings including academic integrity; culture shock and immigration issues that can impact international students at the UI; development of techniques for time management and goal setting; techniques to stay motivated and manage stress; overcoming barriers to student success; discussions and assignments emphasize self-reflection on class topics including time management, study skills, and cultural identity. Same as CLAS:1650, CSI:1650.

ESL:4050 Focused Academic English Language Support 1 s.h.
Academic language skills and resources to achieve academic success; overcoming barriers to student success; assignments emphasize demonstration of language skill development and self-reflection.

ESL:4100 English as a Second Language: Academic Oral Skills 3 s.h.
Speaking skills for the U.S. academic setting and society; pronunciation, grammar, vocabulary; structured opportunity to develop fluency.

ESL:4130 English as a Second Language: Academic Listening Skills 3 s.h.
Development of listening skills for students whose first language is not English; focus on listening skills necessary for success in a U.S. academic setting; academic lectures, note-taking skills, fast-paced classroom discussions. Requirements: undergraduate standing.

ESL:4180 English as a Second Language: Academic Writing and Grammar for Undergraduates 4 s.h.
Exploration of iterative steps of drafting and revising academic writing; emphasis on the need to ultimately produce writings that communicate clearly and meet required standards; process oriented; students improve writing fluency (comprehensibility and cohesion) and their ability to select from a variety of appropriate grammatical functions (at word and clausal level) to produce a fluent and accurate result to succeed in all requirements of academic writing and communication.

ESL:4200 English as a Second Language: Academic Reading Skills 3 s.h.
Increasing reading speed and comprehension of university-level writing and vocabulary; exercises, discussion, and note-taking assignments to develop critical analysis skills.

ESL:6000 English as a Second Language: Writing Skills for Graduate Students 3 s.h.
Discourse considerations; styles of organization, types of argumentation, methods of analysis expected of graduate students.

ESL:6200 English as a Second Language: Academic Writing and Grammar for Graduates 3 s.h.
Students learn how to be confident, fluent, and independent writers, and become proficient with conventions and requirements of academic writing in their respective disciplines; selection of appropriate grammatical functions—at the word and clausal level—for success in academic communication.

Teaching Assistant Preparation in English Courses

The Teaching Assistant Preparation in English (TAPE) program is designed for prospective teaching assistants whose first language is not English and who need additional work on English communication skills. Entry to the program is determined by a test.

TAPE:5100 Pronunciation, Fluency Building, and Culture 0 s.h.
Attain greater fluency for teaching by making short presentations and participating in natural interactions about U.S. culture; intensive work on pronunciation to help future teaching assistants attain maximum intelligibility.
TAPE:5300 TA Preparation in English: Presentation Skills 0 s.h.
Intelligibility of speech and clarity of expression in presenting and responding; practice in videotaped lectures.

TAPE:5330 TA Preparation in English: Orientation 0 s.h.
Student expectations, typical teacher/student relationships, basic classroom management at the university.