

English as a Second Language (8-16 credits)

The English as a Second Language Certificate of Proficiency assists non-English speaking members of the Jefferson community in attaining levels of English proficiency that are adequate to support their professional and work-related needs and thereby enhance their mobility within Jefferson and the larger community. The program is designed to help students develop functional ability in English in both receptive (listening and reading) and productive (speaking and writing) skills. The curriculum addresses instruction in all four of these skills. The certificate is awarded upon achievement of required language competencies in these skills at the advanced level.

A comprehensive pre-admissions test is required to determine placement into courses at the appropriate level for speaking, listening, reading and writing. Depending on the results of placement testing, students will take two to four courses (8-16 credits) to achieve the competencies required for the certificate.

To be eligible for enrollment in the certificate program, students must demonstrate adequate language competencies in specific reading/writing and oral (speaking/listening) skills required for the *intermediate* level of ESL instruction. Students who do not meet these criteria will be required to take two to four *introductory* ESL courses as pre-requisites for entry into the certificate program.

Curriculum

ESL 301 Intermediate Oral Skills (Listening and Speaking) (4c)

ESL 302 Intermediate Written Skills (Reading and Writing) (4c)

ESL 401 Advanced Oral Skills (Listening and Speaking) (4c)

ESL 402 Advanced Written Skills (Reading and Writing) (4c)

Prerequisites:

ESL 101 Introductory Oral Skills A (Listening and Speaking) (4c)

ESL 102 Introductory Written Skills A (Reading and Writing) (4c)

ESL 201 Introductory Oral Skills B (Listening and Speaking) (4c)

ESL 202 Introductory Written Skills B (Reading and Writing) (4c)

Admission Requirements

- Advising session through the Department of General Studies
- Achievement of intermediate level scores on comprehensive placement test in speaking, listening, reading and writing skills; or, satisfactory completion of ESL 101, 102, 103 and/or 104.