English as a Second Language

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ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Intensive English Language courses are designed to immerse limited English proficient (LEP) students in the English language. ESL classes will help the student develop the language and language-related skills necessary to progress in the university program. These classes cover phonetics, syntax, aural comprehension, and speech, reading, and writing skills. Classes and laboratories are taught in English for five to eight hours a day, according to the individual student’s needs. Formal classes will be supplemented by informal discussion groups, modern language lab, interactions with native-English speaking tutors, role-playing and field trips. Twelve hours of ESL classes may apply to a Bachelor’s Degree and six hours may apply to an Associate Degree.

ADMISSION

Students must meet all admission requirements for enrollment at Southwestern Adventist University.

Students taking ESL classes will take the Michigan Placement Test to determine the level of ESL classes best suited to their level of English proficiency. Students will then be advised on the courses they should take: Level 1, 2, or 3. Students may also take university courses along with Level 3 ESL courses if they have taken the Michigan Test of English Language Proficiency and the results show they have the proficiency necessary to succeed in selected courses.

For academic advising, the results of the ESL course work will be evaluated along with the Michigan Test of English Language Proficiency.

ESOL 110 Oral Composition 3 hours

A basic course that introduces language used in everyday life on the university campus and in society. Emphasis is placed on the development of vocabulary, phrases necessary to function in all social interactions, clear pronunciation, and fluent speech. The class meets five times a week and four hours of lab are required. (Fall, Spring)

ESOL 112 Advanced Oral Composition 3 hours

This course includes an introduction to the phonology of the English language. Specific listening skills are developed. Class time is given to practical exercises developing extemporaneous and prepared speech. Fluency and accuracy are encouraged. The class meets five times a week and four hours of lab are required. (Fall, Spring)

ESOL 120 Grammar 3 hours

Introduction to the basics of English spelling, handwriting, parts of speech, punctuation, and sentence patterns. The class meets five times a week. (Fall, Spring)

ESOL 125 Advanced Grammar 3 hours

Study of the structure of English sentence patterns, parts of speech, all verb tenses and forms, idioms, and spelling. The class meets five times a week. (Fall, Spring)

ESOL 128 Advanced Writing 3 hours

Study of the structure of English sentence patterns, parts of speech, all verb tenses and forms, idioms, and spelling. The class meets five times a week. (Fall, Spring)

ESOL 130 Reading I 3 hours

An introduction to reading in the English language with emphasis on developing vocabulary, and phonetic and comprehension skills. This course meets five days a week. (Fall, Spring)

ESOL 135 Reading II 3 hours

This course is designed to develop phonetic skills as well as emphasize the understanding of vocabulary in context, reading for the main idea, reading for facts and details, and making inferences and judgments. This course meets five days a week. (Fall, Spring)

ESOL 140 Writing 3 hours

This course is designed to develop the creation of original sentences and paragraphs using the four rhetorical modes. The class meets five times a week. (Fall, Spring)

ESOL 145 Advanced Writing 3 hours

Development of the five paragraph essay in the four rhetorical patterns. Emphasis is on fluency and speed of production. The class meets five times a week. (Fall, Spring)

ESOL 200 University Experience Studies 3 hours

This course is designed to expose nonnative English speakers to a variety of teachers in a variety of fields. This is to enable students to evaluate their own ability to cope with different usage of English and teaching styles. (Fall, Spring)

ESOL 210 English Composition Skills 3 hours

This course is designed to aid those students for whom English is a second language, and whose writing skills are not yet up to college entrance standards to develop the writing skills necessary for college entrance. The course includes intensive writing practice and vocabulary development. (Fall, Spring)

ESOL 215 Speech Composition and Comprehension 3 hours

A study of the phonology of the English language, with in-class practice of the sounds, stress, intonation, and inflection of words, phrases, and sentences. This class emphasizes listening skills necessary for taking notes in mainstream classes. Emphasis is given to correct pronunciation and fluent speech. The class meets five times a week and three hours of lab are required. (Fall, Spring)

ESOL 220 Reading III 3 hours

This course is designed to bring the reading skills of LEP students up to college entrance standards. This course includes intensive exercises in reading: comprehension, vocabulary, and reading rate. (Fall, Spring)

ESOL 230 English Structure and Usage 3 hours

Review of all English grammar structures with concentration on preparation for the university entrance tests. Emphasis is given to the understanding and use of structural patterns. (Fall, Spring)