

ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL)

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DESCRIPTION

The ESOL Program offers classes for people whose native language is not English. Reading, writing, listening and speaking skills are taught together in Levels 1-3. Separate skill classes in reading, writing and communication are taught in levels 4-8. American culture is stressed in all 8 levels.

ESOL classes are open to adult immigrants and refugees (including U.S. citizens), and international students and visitors who want to improve their English language proficiency. Testing and orientation are required before entering the program.

COURSE OF STUDY

The ESOL Department offers Basic ESOL (Levels 1-3), Transitional ESOL (Levels 4-5) and Academic ESOL (Levels 6-8). After Academic ESOL, students are ready for RD 115 and WR 115, after which students become eligible to take most college transfer-level classes.

ESOL Levels 1 - 8 serve the needs of adult refugees and immigrants. Levels 4 - 8 also serve the needs of professional personnel working or training in the U.S., international students and international visitors.

ESOL offers both credit and non-credit classes. Levels 1-3 are non-credit classes. Levels 4 and 5 can be taken either as non-credit or college credit classes. Levels 6-8 are credit classes.

Up to twenty-four credits of Level 7 and 8 ESOL courses may be applied to all PCC associate degrees. The cost of an ESOL class ranges from a moderate fee to full college tuition. Each class in Levels 1-3 is designed to take two or three terms to complete. Each class in Levels 4 - 8 is designed to be completed in one term. All new students must be tested prior to enrollment.

Students should contact the campus where they want to attend to find out about testing. International students should first contact an international student advisor at 971-722-5670 (CA), 971-722-7150 (RC) or 971-722-8310 (SY).

TESTING CENTERS

Cascade Campus
971-722-5234

Southeast Campus
971-722-6277

Sylvania Campus
971-722-4533

Rock Creek Campus
971-722-7523

Returning to the ESOL Program After One Year

If a student has been gone from the ESOL program for 1 year, then the student needs to retake the Accuplacer ESL placement test and attend a placement/advising session before registering for any ESOL classes. If a student has taken the Accuplacer ESL placement test but has not completed any ESOL classes during the past year, then the student will need to retake the Accuplacer ESL placement test. A student may be able to successfully register online for an ESOL class, but if the student has been gone for 1 year, the student will not be allowed to remain in the ESOL class(es) until the student has retaken the Accuplacer ESL placement test.