

ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES

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PROGRAM 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. Some students may go directly to WR 121. ESOL Levels 1 - 8 serve the needs of adult refugees and immigrants, professional personnel working or training in the U.S., international students and international visitors.

ESOL offers both credit and non-credit classes. Levels 1-6 can be taken either as non-credit or for college credit. Only international students may choose the credit option for Levels 1-4. The Level 5 and 6 credit option is for both international students and resident students. Levels 7 -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, but students may take each course in Levels 4 and 5 twice. All new students must be tested prior to enrollment. If a student has been gone from the ESOL program for 1 year, then the student needs to retake the ESOL placement test before registering for ESOL classes.

Students should contact the campus they want to attend to find out about testing. International students should first contact the Office of International Student Services at 971-722-7150.