

English As A Second Language

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Courses in English as a second language (ESL) are intended to help international students and other students who are non-native speakers of English at Minnesota State Mankato. These courses are advanced level second language courses which prepare students to meet the language demands of academic study. Placement into the ESL program occurs at the beginning of each semester for newly admitted students, including students who have transferred to Minnesota State Mankato from other institutions. International students must register for and complete any required ESL courses during their first semester of study in Mankato. Specific information regarding the testing and placement process may be secured from the office of the Department of Modern Languages and also from the Office of International Students.

Students interested in teaching English as a second language should see the Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) section of this bulletin.

POLICIES/INFORMATION

GPA Policy. A grade of “C” or better must be earned in order for the student to fulfill the ESL requirement.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

ESL 101 (4) Advanced Academic English for Non-Native Speakers

Listening to academic lectures, taking notes, reading textbook material, summarizing and relating information from various sources. Study skills, writing answers to essay questions, and practice giving oral presentations.

Fall, Spring

ESL 201 (4) Advanced Composition for Non-Native Speakers I

Grammar topics on the sentence level, sentence combining, and discourse structures. Writing skills include paraphrase, paragraph organization, library work, editing and revising.

Fall

ESL 202 (4) Advanced Composition for Non-Native Speakers II

Same as ESL 201, with further work in writing as a way to process information.

Fall, Spring

ESL 210 (1-4) Special Topics

Special interest courses devoted to specific topics within the field of English as a Second Language. Topics vary, and course may be retaken for credit under different topic headings.