

Madonna University

English as a Second Language • College of Arts and Humanities

About the Program

The program is designed to enable students to develop proficiency in their English language skills. English as a Second Language courses are specifically designed to prepare students for the English proficiency necessary to successfully complete their academic courses. A number of these courses can be taken concurrently with academic courses in the student's program of study, if the student's knowledge of the English language permits.

Program Specifics

UNCONDITIONAL admission requirements for undergraduate and graduate students respectively:

- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with a minimum score of 540 (undergraduate) or 550 (graduate) for the paper-and-pencil test or of 207 (undergraduate) or 213 (graduate) for the computer based test; either test must be accompanied by the Test of Written English (TWE) with a minimum score of 5;
- or*
- Internet Based TOEFL (iBT) with a minimum score of 76 (undergraduate) or 80 (graduate); *or*
- MELAB score of 80+; *or*
- IELTS score of 6.5+.
- Prior baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university in the United States or similar English-speaking country.

(Students with no scores as above, see the FAQ on the reverse of this sheet.)

History/Mission

The English as a Second Language program at Madonna University is deeply committed to providing comprehensive instruction in all aspects of academic English for non-native speakers. It is our belief that the international students at Madonna University are not simply students, but individuals with considerable value to both the academic and non-academic communities. With this vision, we seek to cultivate in our students the skills necessary to bring their unique perspectives and abilities to all facets of society.

Course Offerings

The courses listed below are 3 semester hours each.

ESL 1010	Orientation to Higher Education for the International Student
ESL 1130	Beginning ESL Reading and Writing
ESL 1140	Beginning ESL Grammar
ESL 1160	Beginning ESL Speaking and Listening
ESL 2130	Intermediate ESL Reading and Writing
ESL 2140	Intermediate ESL Grammar
ESL 2160	Intermediate ESL Speaking and Listening
ESL 3060	Advanced English Pronunciation
ESL 3130	Advanced ESL Reading and Writing
ESL 3140	Integrated English Grammar
ESL 3150	Advanced ESL Reading
ESL 3160	Advanced ESL Speaking and Listening
ESL 4130	Advanced ESL Academic Reading and Writing
ESL 4140	Advanced English Grammar
ESL 4150	Advanced Academic Reading
ESL 4160	Advanced Academic Speaking and Listening
ESL 4230*	Academic ESL Writing

*** ESL 4230 is considered the equivalent of ENG 1020, and will therefore fulfill the general education requirement for English 1020.**

Credit Bearing ESL Courses

23 semester hours of ESL course work may count as electives toward the baccalaureate degree.

Please see reverse for frequently asked questions

The Faculty

Faculty in the ESL Program hold memberships in TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages), Michigan TESOL, and NAFSA (Association of International Educators).

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TUITION

Tuition for ESL courses is the same as for any other course offered at the University. Check the class schedule for current tuition rates.

Tuition for international students on a temporary visa is 25 percent greater than the current tuition rates, excluding credit by examination. Students with a Permanent Alien/ Resident Card prior to the start of classes are exempt from the International Student Rate.

For non-matriculated students, Madonna University offers ESL classes for continuing education credits. Tuition for these courses is considerably lower.



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See Advisor/Admissions Office for current information.

Madonna University guarantees the right to equal educational opportunity without discrimination because of race, religion, sex, national origin, age, or disabilities.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How much do ESL courses cost?

A: Madonna University recognizes ESL as an academic subject, therefore, ESL courses cost the same amount as other undergraduate courses. However, non-matriculated students may take ESL courses for non-credit. (See tuition information on reverse.)

Q: Are ESL courses offered year round?

A: ESL courses are part of the academic calendar. That is, during fall and winter terms classes meet for 15 weeks. Each class is three hours long. Spring and summer classes may be taken twice a week for 6-1/2 weeks and are 3.5 hours in duration.

Q: Are ESL courses “for Credit”?

A: 23 semester hours of ESL course work may count as electives toward the 120 hours necessary for a baccalaureate degree. ALL ESL course grades are calculated into the overall Madonna University grade point average.

Q: How many ESL courses do I have to take?

A: It depends entirely on the placement test results. (Occasionally, students are exempted from ESL courses because their level is equal to a TOEFL score of 540 or TOEFL 207, and a TWE of 5. On average, students take 4-5 ESL courses, but some need only 1 or 2, others 9 or 10. It depends on the initial level.)

Q: Can I take other college classes along with ESL?

A: If your test results show that you are at the advanced level, you may take ESL concurrently with other classes.

Q: Are ESL classes Pass/Fail?

A: No, the same grade policy applies to ESL as to other courses.

Q: Do you provide tutoring?

A: Yes, the Writing Lab and the Center for Personalized Instruction provide individual tutoring.

Q: Do I need TOEFL to be admitted to Madonna University?

A: No, but you must take M.U.’s institutional English Placement Test to demonstrate your proficiency in the English language. Based on the test results, you are placed in courses commensurate with your English proficiency levels.

Q: Do I need a Writing test?

A: Yes. If you plan to take the TOEFL, you must also register for the TWE (Test of Written English). If you take M.U.’s placement test, you will be given a written test similar to the TWE. If you take the TOEFL without the TWE, you will be tested for your writing proficiency at Madonna University.