

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

Oakton offers both credit and noncredit English as a Second Language courses.

Credit

The credit English as a Second Language (ESL) program provides non-native speakers of English with language and academic skills necessary to succeed in college and/or the workplace. Credit ESL courses include high-beginning to advanced-level reading, writing, grammar, pronunciation, and speaking/listening. Mandatory college placement tests in reading and writing determine the student's appropriate course level.

A student who does not place into the credit program may enroll in noncredit ESL classes offered through the Alliance for Lifelong Learning (ALL). For information about credit ESL courses, contact Jessica Pinedo, ESL program coordinator, at 847.376.7196 or jpinedo@oakton.edu

Noncredit

The Alliance for Lifelong Learning (ALL) offers beginning to advanced classes in English as a Second Language as well as U.S. citizenship education during the day and evening at several locations within the district. Testing for placement in noncredit ESL courses is provided during specific ESL registration periods. Because the noncredit ESL program is funded by the Illinois Community College Board, classes are tuition-free to the student. In addition, specialized ESL courses are offered on a low-cost tuition basis. For complete information about noncredit ESL courses, call the Adult Education office at 847.635.1426.

Read more about credit and noncredit ESL courses: www.oakton.edu/academics/list-of-programs/english-as-a-second-language.php