

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

ASSOCIATE DEGREE & CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

2021-2022 CATALOG

DESCRIPTION

Cuesta's ESL program provides language development opportunities for students of all English language proficiency levels in our community. We help students improve their English language skills so that they may achieve their personal, academic, and professional goals as well as participate more effectively in their communities.

We offer a range of courses from basic literacy to advanced. Beginning and intermediate level ESL classes offer foundational instruction in English language skills, and the advanced courses prepare students for degree-applicable English, technical education, and other mainstream college coursework. We also offer classes in conversation, grammar and vocational computer skills (VESL).

All of the ESL courses are noncredit and are free for students, and all sites have free childcare.

ESL classes are held at the South County Center at Arroyo Grande High School, the main campus in San Luis Obispo, the North County Campus in Paso Robles, and a number of community sites across the county.

There are several certificates available to our noncredit students. Successful completion of a designated course sequence allows students to earn various certificates.

EVALUATION AND REGISTRATION

New students need to take an ESL evaluation to determine their language level. Call or visit the ESL office for more information.

San Luis Obispo Campus/South County Center: (805)-546-3942

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DEGREES, CERTIFICATES & AWARDS

- Certificate of Competency (C.C.)
- Certificate of Completion (C.C.)

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CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

A noncredit **Certificate of Competency** means a document confirming that a student enrolled in a noncredit educational program of noncredit courses has demonstrated achievement in a set of competencies that prepares students to progress in a career path or to undertake degree-applicable or non-degree-applicable credit courses.

A noncredit **Certificate of Completion** means a document confirming that a student has completed a noncredit educational program of noncredit courses that prepares students to progress in a career path or to take degree-applicable credit courses.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Non Credit Academic ESL — Certificate of Competency

Required Courses (0.0 credits)

ESL 706	Low Advanced Integrated Skills	81 - 108
ESL 799	Advanced Integrated Skills	72 - 108
Total Hours:		153 - 216

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Non Credit English As A Second Language - Level I —

Certificate of Competency

Required Courses (0.0 credits)

ESL 701	Introduction To Literacy	81 - 108
ESL 702	Literacy 2	81 - 108
Total Hours:		162 - 216

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Non Credit English As A Second Language - Level II —

Certificate of Competency

Required Courses (0.0 credits)

ESL 703	Beginning-Low Integrated Skills	81 - 108
ESL 713	Beginning Integrated Skills	81 - 108
Total Hours:		162 - 216

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Non Credit English As A Second Language - Level III —

Certificate of Competency

Required Courses (0.0 credits)

ESL 704	Beginning-High Integrated Skills	81 - 108
ESL 714	Low Intermediate Integrated Skills	81 - 108
Total Hours:		162 - 216

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TRANSFER PREPARATION

Courses that fulfill major requirements for an associate degree may differ from those needed to prepare to transfer. Students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university should schedule an appointment with a Cuesta College counselor to develop a student education plan (SEP) before beginning their program.

TRANSFER RESOURCES:

CSU and UC Articulation Agreements and Majors Search Engine:
www.ASSIST.org
 CSU System Information:
www2.calstate.edu

FINANCIAL AID

Paying for the cost of a college education requires a partnership among parents, students and the college. As the cost of higher education continues to rise we want you to know that Cuesta College offers a full array of financial aid programs—grants, work study, scholarships, federal loan programs, and fee waivers. These programs are available to both full-and part-time students who are seeking a degree or certificate. For those who qualify, financial aid is available to help with tuition, fees, books and supplies, food, housing, transportation, and childcare. Please log onto our website for additional information:
www.cuesta.edu/student/studentservices/finaid

Non Credit English As A Second Language - Level IV —

Certificate of Competency

Required Courses (0.0 credits)

ESL 705 Intermediate Integrated Skills 81 - 108

ESL 715 High Intermediate Integrated Skills 81 - 108

Total Hours: 162 - 216

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Noncredit ESL: Grammar — Certificate of Competency

Required Courses (0.0 credits)

ESL 743 Academic Grammar, Intermediate 36 - 54

ESL 744 Academic Grammar, High-Intermediate 36 - 54

Total Hours: 72 - 108

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Noncredit ESL: Listening And Speaking For English Speakers Of Other Languages — Certificate of Competency

Required Courses (0.0 credits)

ESL 725 ESL Conversation, Intermediate 36 - 54

ESL 735 ESL Conversation, High Intermediate 36 - 54

Total Hours: 72 - 108

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Noncredit ESL: Beginning Conversation — Certificate of Competency

ESL 720 ESL Basic Conversation, Low Beginning 36 - 54

ESL 721 ESL Basic Conversation, Beginning 36 - 54

Total Hours: 72 - 108

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Non Credit Vocational English As A Second Language —

Certificate of Completion

Required Courses (0.0 credits)

VESL 711 Work-Related Communication
And Computer Literacy, Level 1 36 - 54

VESL 712 Work-Related Communication
And Computer Literacy, Level 2 36 - 54

Tota Hours: 72 - 108

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