

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

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- ESL Department Website
- ESL Placement

ESL Placement Procedure

As of July 1, 2023, the ESL Assessment test is no longer offered at Cypress College. Cypress College has implemented a new placement process known as ESL Guided Placement. English Language Learners are invited to participate in this new process. For more on this, visit our ESL Placement page. (link same as above)

If you have questions about ESL courses, need help with using the ESL Guided Placement tool and/or registering for an ESL course, or simply want to talk with an ESL instructor about the program, email ESL@cypresscollege.edu

- All students are encouraged to complete their ESL coursework as soon as possible in their college program, and once enrolled, students must complete the course with a grade of C or better to be eligible to take the next level ESL course.
- Students can challenge a level in this ESL program by taking a challenge test at the end of a semester. Students who successfully challenge a level will skip the next level in the course sequence.

ESL Placement Process
Step 1: ESL Guided Placement (ESL GP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will select the most appropriate course according to their skills.
Step 2: Ask for help if needed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counseling Appointment with Maria Haro or Deepa Tharani. • Email esl@cypresscollege.edu for more about the ESL program, certificates, and courses.

Pathways for English Language Learners

Pathway for U.S. High School Graduates or Equivalent (GED, HiSET, CHSPE)

Students who have completed a U.S. high school diploma (or equivalent) have the right to access any ESL course, including ESL 110C, as well as ENGL 100C or ENGL 101C.

U.S. high school graduates do not need to take an English assessment. Instead, they will use the Guided Placement Tool because they have the right to access transfer-level composition coursework:

- ESL 110 C (Transfer-level College Composition with support for ESL)
- ENGL 101 C (Transfer-level College Composition with support)
- ENGL 100 C (Transfer-level College Composition without support)

English Language Learners who have graduated from a U.S. high school also have the right to access academic credit ESL coursework according to AB 1805.

Pathway for All Other New ESL Students

ESL students who have **not** earned a high school diploma (or equivalent) in the United States should engage in the ESL Placement Process (see above).

Credit ESL Courses

Cypress College offers transfer-level and degree-applicable courses for advanced foreign language learners of English. All courses in the ESL sequence have some form of transferability. ESL 110 C, the highest-level ESL course, is a transfer-level composition course that fulfills Written Communication transfer and degree requirements for the UC, CSU, and Cypress College. It is fully equivalent to ENG 100 C. ESL 110 C fulfills IGETC 1A, CSU A2, and the Cypress College Native degree A1 requirements. ESL 109 C and ESL 108 C fulfill the CSU C2 and Cypress College Native C2 degree Humanities requirement. ESL 107 C, ESL 106 C, and ESL 105 C all have CSU elective transferability.

ESL 105 through ESL 109 integrate multiple language skills and U.S. culture and focus on preparing students for college-level reading and writing assignments and exams. Individualized lab assignments further build language skills. In addition, the ESL program offers elective courses for additional skill-building in grammar, reading, listening, speaking, and pronunciation.

Finally, the Cypress College ESL Department is the first in the state to offer Guided Pathways ESL Milestone certificates which recognize the advanced language competency and success of ESL students to complete ESL coursework and prerequisite courses in their educational pathways.

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- ESL Catalog page
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- ESL Assessment

Transfer and Degree Credit

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Guided Pathways ESL Milestone Certificates

The **Guided Pathways ESL Milestone Certificate Program** is designed to prepare English Language learners (ELLs) for the academic rigor of degree-applicable coursework in various Guided Pathways Meta Majors. Students completing these certificates have achieved academic English reading and writing skills at an advanced, post-secondary level; they have also achieved success in prerequisite or introductory coursework in a variety of degree, certificate, or general education patterns. These two elements combine to demonstrate significant achievement of a milestone along their pathways to degrees, certificates, or transfer. To earn a certificate, complete the required courses as listed with a grade of C or better. At least 50% of all course work must be completed at Cypress College.

- ESL Milestone Certificate- Pathway to Transfer: Language Arts/Oral Communication
- ESL Milestone Certificate- Pathway to Transfer: Language Arts/Written Communication
- ESL Milestone Certificate- Pathway to Transfer: Social Sciences & Humanities
- ESL Milestone Certificate: Pathway to Aviation and Travel Careers
- ESL Milestone Certificate: Pathway to Business and Computer Information Systems
- ESL Milestone Certificate: Pathway to Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management
- ESL Milestone Certificate: Pathway to Dental Hygiene, Nursing, and Psychiatric Technology
- ESL Milestone Certificate: Pathway to Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Health Information Technology, and Radiological Technology
- ESL Milestone Certificate: Pathway to Kinesiology and Public Health
- ESL Milestone Certificate: Pathway to Science, Engineering, and Mathematics

At Cypress College, there are Department Program Student Learning Outcomes and Degree & Certificate Program Student Learning Outcomes.

Department Program Student Learning Outcomes:

The courses taught by this department contribute to the following ISLO/PSLOs: A-Breadth of Knowledge, Competencies, and Skills, B-Communication Skills, and D-Personal, Academic, and Professional Development; specifically, the following ISLO/PSLO subcategories: A1-Humanities and the Arts, B1-Reading, B2-Writing, B3-Communicating, B4-Presenting, and D3-Equity.

Degree & Certificate Program Student Learning Outcomes:

The program student learning outcomes for each award can be found on the specific degree or certificate page.