

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

ASSOCIATE DEGREE & CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

2023-2024 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.

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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

ESL Citizenship — Certificate of Competency

This is a noncredit certificate that consists of completing two ESL Citizenship courses: ESL 707A: Citizenship Level 1 and ESL 707B: Citizenship Level 2. Upon completion of this certificate, students will be able to communicate personal information effectively, identify major facts in US history and government, and participate in the US citizenship test.

Required Courses (0.0 credits)

ESL 707A U.S. Citizenship, Level 1	54
ESL 707B U.S. Citizenship, Level 2	54
Total Hours:	108

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Noncredit English As A Second Language - Level I —

Certificate of Competency

This program is designed to meet the students needs as determined by assessment of the students language proficiencies, goals, and interests. ESL instruction integrates language components, vocabulary, grammatical structures, language functions, and pronunciation, in units and topics that are important to the students.

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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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/student-services/financial-aid

Noncredit English As A Second Language - Level II —

Certificate of Competency

This program is composed of two beginning level ESL integrated skills courses. Instruction focuses on beginning level listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. Upon successful completion of the two required courses, students are eligible for a certificate of competency. Students who earn the certificate will be able read beginning level texts, communicate in simple conversations, and write a series of sentences in English.

Required Courses (0.0 credits)

ESL 703 Beginning-Low Integrated Skills 81 - 108

ESL 713 Beginning Integrated Skills. 81 - 108

Total Hours: 162 - 216[Click Here For Program Student Learning Outcomes](#)**Noncredit English As A Second Language - Level III —**

Certificate of Competency

This program is composed of two integrated skills ESL courses, one at the high beginning level, and one at the low intermediate level. Instruction focuses on listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. Upon successful completion of the two required courses, students will be eligible for a certificate of competency. Students who earn the certificate will be able to read low intermediate texts, write short paragraphs, and use low intermediate grammar and vocabulary in speaking and writing.

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[Click Here For Program Student Learning Outcomes](#)**Noncredit English As A Second Language - Level IV —**

Certificate of Competency

This program is composed of two integrated skills ESL courses, one at the intermediate level, and one at the high intermediate level. The courses aim to help students communicate with intermediate level proficiency in writing and orally in social and academic environments. Students who successfully complete the two required courses will be eligible for the certificate. Upon completion of this certificate, students will be able to read intermediate texts, write paragraphs, and use intermediate grammatical structures and vocabulary in speaking and writing.

Required Courses (0.0 credits)

ESL 705 Intermediate Integrated Skills 81 - 108

ESL 715 High Intermediate Integrated Skills 81 - 108

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Noncredit English As A Second Language - Level V — Certificate of Competency

This program is composed of two integrated skills ESL courses, one at the low-advanced level, and one at the advanced level. The courses aim to help students communicate with advanced level proficiency in writing and orally in social and academic environments. Students who successfully complete the two required courses will be eligible for the certificate. Upon completion of this certificate, students will be able to read advanced texts, write multiple paragraph compositions, and use advanced grammatical structures and vocabulary in speaking and writing.

Required Courses (0.0 credits)

ESL 706	Low Advanced Integrated Skills.	81 - 108
ESL 716	Advanced Integrated Skills.	72 - 108
Total Hours:		153 - 216

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Noncredit ESL: Grammar — Certificate of Competency

This program is composed of ESL Grammar courses at the intermediate and high-intermediate levels. Students who successfully complete these courses will be eligible for the certificate. Upon completion of this certificate, English speakers of other languages will be able to recognize and use a variety of grammatical structures at the high-intermediate level.

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

This program is composed of ESL speaking and listening courses at the intermediate and high-intermediate levels. Students who successfully complete all courses will be eligible for the certificate. Upon completion of this certificate, English speakers of other languages will be able to communicate effectively in academic, professional, and social environments.

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

This program is composed of low beginning and beginning ESL conversation courses. Students who successfully complete these two courses will be eligible for the certificate. Upon completion of this certificate, English speakers of other languages will be able to communicate effectively in basic social interactions.

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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Noncredit Vocational English As A Second Language — Certificate of Completion

This program is composed of two ESL vocational and computer literacy courses. Students who successfully complete both courses will be eligible for the certificate. Upon completion of this certificate, English speakers of other languages will be able to communicate effectively and apply relevant computer skills in workplace environments.

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
Total Hours:		72 - 108

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Transitions — Certificate of Competency

This is a noncredit certificate that consists of completing two advanced level ESL courses: ESL 797: College and Career Foundations and ESL 798: Transition to College and Career. Upon completion of this certificate, students will have developed the English and academic proficiency level necessary to transition successfully to employment and/or further education.

Required Courses (0.0 credits)

ESL 797	College And Career Foundations.	180 - 252
ESL 798	Transition To College And Career	180 - 252
Total Hours:		360 - 504

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