

Advanced ESL

Class focus is on using the English language for speaking and writing, and building comprehension through reading and listening. Students will write compositions and multi-paragraph essays; read English literature as well as periodicals and journals on common topics; discuss and critique pertinent issues; debate ideas; and increase grammar skills. In some advanced classes, TOEFL preparation instruction is included for those interested in taking the TOEFL test.

Prerequisite: Students must register and take the CASAS Appraisal test.

By the conclusion of this class, students will be able to:

Listening and Speaking

- Understand and communicate in a variety of contexts related to daily life and work.
- Understand and participate in conversation on a variety of everyday subjects.
- Clarify own or others' meaning by rewording.
- Understand the main points of simple discussions and informational communication in familiar contexts.
- Show some ability to go beyond learned patterns and construct new sentences. Show control of basic grammar.
- Demonstrate basic fluency of speech.

Basic Reading and Writing

- Read moderately complex text related to life roles, descriptions and narratives from authentic materials on familiar subjects.
- Use context and word analysis skills to understand vocabulary, and use multiple strategies to understand unfamiliar texts.
- Make inferences, predictions, and compare/contrast information in familiar texts.
- Write multi-paragraph text (organize and develop ideas with clear introduction, body, and conclusion) using some complex grammar and a variety of sentence structures.
- Use a range of vocabulary.

Functional and Workplace Skills

- Function independently to meet most survival needs and to use English in routine social and work situations.
- Communicate on the telephone on familiar subjects.
- Understand radio and television programs covering familiar topics.
- Interpret routine charts, tables and graphs.
- Complete forms and handle work demands that require non-technical oral and written instructions and routine interaction with the public.
- Use common software, learn new basic applications, and select the correct basic technology in familiar situations.