

Intermediate ESL

In this class, students will practice using their English skills in a relaxed classroom setting. Instruction emphasizes writing, grammar, and reading comprehension. The instructor will listen and guide students in pronunciation and correct vocabulary, usage, and conversation styles; and students will work on better understanding spoken English by listening to/viewing authentic everyday American media, such as TV, radio, and the Internet.

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 learned phrases and short new phrases containing familiar vocabulary spoken slowly, with some repetition.
- Communicate basic survival needs with some help.
- Participate in conversation in limited social situations and use new phrases.
- Rely on description and concrete terms.
- Demonstrate control of more complex grammar, although it may be inconsistent.

Basic Reading and Writing

- Read text on familiar subjects that have a simple and clear underlying structure (e.g., clear main idea, chronological order).
- Use context to determine meaning and interpret actions required in specific written directions.
- Write simple paragraphs with main idea and supporting details on familiar topics (e.g., daily activities, personal issues) by recombining learned vocabulary and structures.
- Self- and peer-edit for spelling and punctuation errors.

Functional and Workplace Skills

- Meet basic survival and social needs, follow some simple oral and written instruction, and demonstrate some ability to communicate on the telephone on familiar subjects.
- Write messages and notes related to basic needs.
- Complete basic medical forms and job applications.
- Handle jobs that involve basic oral instructions and written communication in tasks that can be clarified orally.
- Work with or learn basic computer software, such as word processing, and follow simple instructions for using technology.