

English Language Studies

The English as a Second Language Program offers courses in grammar, composition, oral expression, and academic skills. All courses have in common the aim of assisting students in all disciplines to improve their understanding of English language and communication. Within the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures, a Major in English Language Studies is offered.

English as a Second Language

English as a second language courses at the 100 and 200 level may be taken as free electives in any program, or they may be taken towards a Major in Modern Languages (English Language Studies Component) or a Certificate of Proficiency in English as a Second Language.

Major in Modern Languages: English Language Studies Component

MAJMLA/CONELA

This program is only open to non-native English speakers. In order to be accepted into this program, students must have attained at least an intermediate level of competence in English. This level will be established according to the following criteria:

- 1) A result of over 40% on the Bishop's University E.S.L. placement test.
and
- 2) Successful completion of two CEGEP English Courses at the 604-100 level (normally 604-101 & 604-102).
or
- 3) A result of 480/157-525/206 on the TOEFL test.
or
- 4) A result of 575-690 on the TOEIC test.
or
- 5) A result of 4.5-5.5 on the IELTS test.

Students may also enter the program at the advanced level, which will be defined according to the following criteria:

- 1) A result of over 65% on the Bishop's University ESL placement test.
and
- 2) Successful completion of two Cegep English courses at the 604-100 level, including Anglais 604-102 and 604-103, with an average of over 75% in each.
or
- 3) A result of over 525/206 on the TOEFL test.
or
- 4) A result of over 690 on the TOEIC test.
or
- 5) A result of over 5.5 on the IELTS test.

In all cases, the University's standards will prevail. The University reserves the right to deny admission into these courses and programs to students who are already proficient in English. The University also reserves the right to reassign students to different levels/courses/ programs should in-class performance be inappropriate for the level of instruction. Students who have completed a university program with English as the language of instruction will not normally be eligible for English Language Studies programs or ESL courses.

Course Groupings for Modern Languages Major (English Language Component)

Group I: Core Courses

- ESL 103: Intermediate English as a Second Language I
- ESL 110: Introduction to English for Academic Purposes I
- ESL 111: Introduction to English for Academic Purposes II
- ESL 210: Advanced Writing and Text Analysis
- ESL 211: Advanced Communicative Skills I

Group II: Special Purposes/Special Focus Courses

- ESL 121: English Grammar I: Tense and Idiom
- ESL 125: English Phonetics and Pronunciation
- ESL 126: Oral Discourse I
- ESL 131: Business English

Group III: Writing, Literature, Translation Courses

- ENG 100: Introduction to English Studies
- ENG 104: Approaches to Short Fiction
- ENG 108: The American Short Story
- ENG 110: English Writers of Quebec
- ENG 111: Canadian Short Story
- ENG 116: Effective Writing
- ENG 202: History of the English Language
- FRA 301: Stylistique et traduction I
- FRA 302: Stylistique et traduction II

NB: Any English Literature (ENG) course may count towards the Group III requirements, although we recommend first-year courses, in particular ENG 104, ENG 108, ENG 110, ENG 111. With the permission of the Modern Languages Department, very advanced ESL students may substitute ENG courses for one or more of their Group II requirements.

Major in Modern Languages: English Language Studies Component Requirements

All students undertaking the English Language Studies Component of the Major in Modern Languages must complete 30 credits from course groups I, II, and III.

Intermediate Level Students:

Students entering at the intermediate level must complete four of the courses (12 credits) in Group I including ESL 210 and ESL 211; three courses (9 credits) in Group II; and three courses (9 credits) in Group III, including ENG 116: Effective Writing.

Advanced Level Students:

Students entering at the advanced level must complete ESL 210 and ESL 211 (6 credits) in Group I; four courses (12 credits) from Group II; and four courses (12 credits) from Group III, including ENG 116: Effective Writing. NB: FRA 301 or 302 may be taken only by those students who are combining the English Language Studies and the French components of the Major in Modern Languages, and these courses may be counted only once towards the Major.

ELA–ENG Concentrations

Advanced level students may choose a modified concentration offered by the English Department, in either Literature or Film and Media Studies. Students must take ESL 210, 211, and ENG 116, then two English foundation courses and then five 200 or 300 level English courses in the concentration (including some specific courses where applicable). If students already possess strong writing skills in English they may be excused from the ESL/ELA component and take the regular stream recommendations.

Please Note: Students are not permitted to double-count courses from other Language Sections for the following concentrations.

Literature Concentration

ESL 210, ESL 211, ENG 116; two foundation year courses (ENG 106 and one of ENG 105, ENG 112, or ENG 113); five 200 or 300 level ENG courses with a focus on Literature.

Film and Media Studies

ESL 210, ESL 211, ENG 116; two foundation year courses (ENG 102, and one of ENG 100, ENG 112, or ENG 113); ENG 236, ENG 279, ENG 291 and DRA 170 (12) credits; one other ENG (film) course.

Certificate of Proficiency in English as a Second Language/Intensive English Language Studies

CONESL

The Certificate of Proficiency in English as a Second Language may be pursued part- or full-time in the English Language Studies program and it comprises a sequence of courses in English as a Second Language. English Language and Composition, and/or English Literature.

Students who complete the Certificate will have attained a level at which they are capable of taking university courses in English, in addition to being able to use English comfortably on the job and in their leisure activities.

Admissions requirements:

Students at all levels may register for the certificate program; however, students must normally have reached an intermediate level of competence before being admitted to full-time status.

Please note: Students entering certificate/intensive studies at the beginning or intermediate level may not be able to complete all program requirements in two regular sessions.

Certificate Requirements

10 courses according to the following regulations and a cumulative average of 65% in courses taken towards the Certificate.

Group I

The following six courses are required (depending upon the level of entry into the program):

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| ESL 102 | Beginners English as a Second Language II | 3-3-0 |
| ESL 103 | Intermediate English as a Second Language I | 3-3-0 |

Note: ESL 110 and ESL 111 (Introduction to English for Academic Purposes I and II) may be substituted for ESL 103 and ESL 104.

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| ESL 210 | Advanced Writing and Text Analysis | 3-3-0 |
| ESL 211 | Advanced Communicative Skills I | 3-3-0 |

Following the result obtained in the Bishop’s University ESL placement test, students may be exempted from some or all of the following courses: ESL 070, ESL 102, ESL 103, ESL 104. To replace these exemptions, students may choose courses from group III.

All students in the Program must complete ESL 210 and ESL 211.

Group II

A minimum of three courses must be chosen from the following:

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| ESL 121 | English Grammar I: Tense and Idiom | 3-3-0 |
| ESL 125 | English Phonetics and Pronunciation | 3-3-0 |
| ESL 126 | Oral Discourse I | 3-3-0 |
| ESL 131 | Business English | 3-3-0 |

Group III

At least one course must be chosen from the following:

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| ENG 116 | Effective Writing | 3-3-0 |
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Any course with an ENG code.

English as a Second Language

Course Descriptions

Full-Credit ESL Courses

The following courses are offered by the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures (English Language Section) in the regular day programs.

ESL 102 Beginners English as a Second Language II 3-3-0

This course is intended for students who have already been exposed to the language, have a rudimentary understanding of its sounds and structures, and are able to communicate basic messages. The emphasis is on understanding and speaking, while students begin to participate actively in communication exercises and activities. Students are also introduced to simple reading and writing activities. Upon completion of this course, students should be able to function in a variety of real-life situations, and they should have a good knowledge of the basic structures of the language.

Prerequisites: 29% to 40% on the Bishop's ESL placement test or 65% or over in ESL 070.

ESL 103 Intermediate English as a Second Language I 3-3-0

This course is for students who are able to communicate yet need additional exposure to the basic structures and functions of the language. Students participate in speaking, listening, reading, and writing activities which demand increasing independence and concentration. Upon completion of this level, students should be able to produce simple, clear written texts and convey a desired oral message in a variety of social, occupational, and educational contexts. They should also have developed an awareness of some of the more complicated structures of the language.

Prerequisites: 41%-52% on the placement test or 65% or over in ESL 102
Antirequisite: ESL 110

ESL 110 Introduction to English for Academic Purposes I 3-3-0

This is a broadly focused course designed to familiarize students with the varieties of English that they will encounter in an academic milieu, and give practice in the skills that are essential to this milieu: comprehending lectures, reading texts of varying length and complexity, note-taking, summarizing, paraphrasing, presenting brief seminars. In addition, students will write and revise short texts with the aim of improving their command of grammar and vocabulary.

Entry level: 41%-52% on the placement test.

Antirequisite: ESL 103

ESL 111 Introduction to English for Academic Purposes II 3-3-0

This course is a continuation of Introduction to English for Academic Purposes I. Students will continue to be exposed to a wide variety of materials and will continue to improve in the four main skill areas: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. However, the emphasis at this level will be placed on activities of increasing complexity which require a greater degree of autonomy.

Pre- or corequisites: 53%-65% on the placement test, 65% in ESL 110, may be taken concurrently with ESL 110.

Antirequisite: ESL 104

The passing grade for these courses is 50%; however, students will not be permitted to take advanced core courses until they have demonstrated adequate ability through achieving 65% or over in at least two 100-level ESL courses.

ESL 113 ESL for Special Purposes – Beginner Level 3-3-0

This beginner level ESL course will address specific needs of students – for example ESL for Tourism and ESL for Arts and Culture – both within and outside of the BU community. As such, the content will vary from semester to semester.

Prerequisites: ESL 070 or ESL 102 or tested level

ESL 114 ESL for Special Purposes – Low- Intermediate Level 3-3-0

This low-intermediate level ESL course will address specific needs of students – for example ESL for Tourism and ESL for Arts and Culture – both within and outside of the BU community. As such, the content will vary from semester to semester.

Prerequisites: ESL 103 or ESL 104 or tested level

ESL 121 English Grammar: Tense and Idiom 3-3-0

This course provides a comprehensive review of the basic tense systems in English, while focusing on grammar at the phrase and sentence level. Presentation of grammatical material will be contextualized and reinforced by oral and written exercises. Students will also learn phrasal verbs and various idiomatic features of the language (prepositions, gerund and infinitive collocations, article use).

Prerequisite: Over 40% on placement test

ESL 125 English Phonetics and Pronunciation 3-3-0

This course is designed to provide students with an in-depth knowledge of the stress, rhythm and intonation patterns of English. In doing so, it will assist students in their understanding of variations in formal and informal spoken English, and in improving the accuracy of their spoken language. Students will learn the International Phonetic Alphabet.

Prerequisite: Over 40% on placement test

ESL 126 Oral Discourse I 3-3-0

In this course students will encounter different types of oral discourse and learn the organizational and presentation strategies necessary for effective oral communication. Although some emphasis will be placed on oral comprehension, most of the activities will provide students with practice in direct address before a group with special emphasis on effective organization of ideas and clear delivery.

Prerequisite: Over 40% on placement test

ESL 131 Business English 3-3-0

This course will focus on improving business communication skills. Objectives will include the effective writing of e-mail correspondence, memos, business letters, and reports; effective oral communication in various settings on the telephone, in meetings, in debates and discussions. Students will also encounter videos, readings and discussions dealing with topics such as customer services, leadership, stress management, sexual harassment.

Prerequisite: Over 40% on placement test

ESL 210 Advanced Writing and Text Analysis 3-3-0

This course is intended for students who have reached an advanced level of competence. Students will read a variety of texts from popular and academic sources and analyse them for grammar, structure, and rhetorical strategies. Students will also learn the conventions of the academic essay and the characteristics of English style and discourse.

Prerequisites: 66% or over on placement test; 65% or over in ESL 111a; or permission of instructor

ESL 211 Advanced Communicative Skills I 3-3-0

This course is intended for students who have reached an advanced level of competence. Emphasis will be placed on familiarizing students with more complex aspects of grammar and communication, increasing vocabulary and knowledge of different text types, and improving listening and reading comprehension. At the end of this level students should be able to function comfortably in any anglophone environment, whether social, professional, or academic. There will continue to be a substantial writing component at this level. This may take the form of essays, reports or other assignments, at the discretion of the instructor.

Prerequisites: 66% or over on placement test; 65% or over in ESL 111; or permission of instructor.

ESL 213 ESL for Special Purposes – High- Intermediate Level 3-3-0

This high-intermediate level ESL course will address specific needs of students – for example ESL for Tourism and ESL for Arts and Culture – both within and outside of the BU community. As such, the content will vary from semester to semester.

Prerequisites: ESL 110 or ESL 111 or tested level

ESL 214 ESL for Special Purposes – Advanced Level 3-3-0

This advanced level ESL course will address specific needs of students – for example ESL for Tourism and ESL for Arts and Culture – both within and outside of the BU community. As such, the content will vary from semester to semester.

Prerequisites: ESL 210 or ESL 211 or tested level