



ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

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FAST FACTS

- We offer 20 different sessions of ESL classes varying from Beginning Literacy, Beginning Low, Intermediate, Advanced, and a Citizenship class that prepares members of the community to pass the INS Naturalization exam. We also provide specialized courses for advanced students such as: Accent Improvement, Advanced Conversation; Advanced Grammar, and Advanced Writing.
- 1392 student registrations processed
- 1062 students actually attended classes.
- Students come from diverse regions of the globe such as: Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Middle East.
- Asian students make up the largest group, at about 39%, followed by Hispanics 21%, Whites 11%, Blacks 3% and others 26%.
- 50 plus languages are spoken by our students.
- 31% of the funding is from fees.
- 31% of the funding is from grants.
- 38% of the funding is from apportionment.

ESL PROGRAM

Core classes

These classes are offered in a trimester basis. Students are required to take a placement test prior to beginning a class and are post tested in order to be promoted to the next level. Below are the core courses we offer:

1. ESL beginning literacy
2. ESL low beginning
3. ESL high beginning
4. ESL low intermediate
5. ESL high intermediate
6. ESL advanced

Citizenship Preparation

The Citizenship class is designed for students who already have some basic communicative skills in

English and who want to prepare for the naturalization and the civics and interview tests required by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS).

English Enrichment classes

These classes are designed for students who score beyond the advanced level in the eCasas assessment. They are focused on providing high levels of instruction in the following areas: conversation, pronunciation, writing, and grammar skills.

PARTNERSHIPS:

The ESL department collaborates with the CalWorks program by preparing their clients to become English proficient in order to enter the workforce. We also collaborate with the Arrupe volunteer program from Santa Clara University in which students meet their community service requirements by helping our teachers and students. SCAE has also a partnership with the Santa Clara City Library literacy program, and finally we participate in Allies, an initiative in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties whose goal is to foster collaboration between adult schools and community colleges in providing ESL instruction for adults.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

SCAE is developing an instructional program with Allies whose goal is to teach ESL and computer literacy skills to Kaiser Permanent janitors. We are also preparing our advance students to make the transition into the Mission College vocational and academic programs.

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