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The English as a Second Language (ESL) Program provides an opportunity for students whose first language is not English to develop language skills for their personal, professional, and academic lives. Through a six-semester sequence of reading, writing, grammar, and oral communication courses, students learn in lecture classes and attend one hour of lab. They read extensively from our Extensive Reading Library collection, use technology to enhance learning, enjoy rich cultural diversity in each class, and learn from intellectually stimulating material. The advanced level courses are degree applicable and transferable. The ESL Program provides a secure language foundation to prepare students for professional or academic training in English.

In addition, the ESL Department at Las Positas College offers tuition-free, noncredit courses designed to help students become proficient in English. Most classes in the ESL Department are mirrored and can be taken for credit or noncredit.