

NONCREDIT ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

ESL COLLEGE GRAMMAR PATHWAY CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY (NCY)

About the Program

The ESL College Grammar Pathway provides a supportive, noncredit pathway into transfer level ESL courses. The curriculum emphasizes rigorous study of the foundational English language skill of grammar with a special focus on application in reading and writing. Students have the opportunity to take a sequence of four courses, from beginning to intermediate, which will help in developing vocabulary, reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. Students who successfully complete the pathway will be able to enroll in UC and CSU transfer level ESL classes, and will be better prepared to pursue their educational goals, including language learning, transfer, Associate's Degree, certificate, or CTE.

Career Opportunities

Students who complete this pathway are eligible to enroll in transfer level ESL courses and a variety of other non-ESL classes in order to achieve their educational and career goals. In any field, the ability to communicate effectively in written and spoken English is essential, so completing this certificate will open up many career opportunities for the student.

Program Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, students are able to:

- Analyze grammatical content in written discourse for comprehension.
- Apply grammatical concepts in writing.
- Matriculate into credit, transfer-level ESL courses.
- Use academic vocabulary, including parts of speech, at the intermediate level.
- Use foundational grammar, including all verb tenses and types of sentences.

Learning and Career Pathway Maps

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Required Core: Select One or More

Prefix #	Title	Hours
NESL 220A	Intermediate Grammar for Reading and Writing	54
NESL 230A	Beginning Grammar for Reading and Writing	54
NESL 230B	High-Beginning Grammar for Reading and Writing	54

Capstone:

Prefix #	Title	Hours
NESL 220B	High-Intermediate Grammar for Reading and Writing	54

Total Hours: 108-216