The English as a Second Language (ESL) program at Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®) is the largest college-credit ESL program in the state of Ohio. As part of general education at Tri-C, the ESL program welcomes all high school graduates as well as non-high school graduates who are 18 years of age or older. Tri-C serves students on temporary visas, immigrants from all over the world, and native-born U.S. citizens whose first language is not English. Whether you have an advanced degree from your own country and need English proficiency to continue your profession, or you are a new college student, the ESL program at Tri-C will prepare you to participate more fully in your college, personal, and professional life.

About the ESL Program

The Tri-C ESL program offers four levels of college-credit ESL courses — basic, high beginning, intermediate and advanced — in grammar, reading and writing, and speaking and listening comprehension. The ESL courses follow the regular academic calendar.

At each level, students can take the full ESL program in speaking and listening, reading and writing, and grammar. Students must complete a full level before advancing to the next level. Part-time study is possible.

The ESL program is designed to move you directly into College Composition, as well as other academic courses. ESL courses are taught by Tri-C faculty, all of whom have master’s degrees, and are supported by computer-assisted instruction.

Program Cost

Classes at Tri-C are less expensive than those at four-year colleges and universities in Ohio. Cost per credit hour for ESL courses is the same as for other Tri-C credit courses. For the latest fee schedule, visit www.tri-c.edu. Permanent residents can contact a campus Office of Student Financial Assistance about available grants and loans at 216-987-6000 or financialaid@tri-c.edu.

Additional Learning Activities

To aid in your ESL studies, you will have access to the latest technologies, including grammar software, state-of-the-art language learning software and multimedia labs.

Additionally, the ESL program offers many opportunities for campus involvement including multicultural and international clubs, conversation connection/conversation partners, picnics, and field trips. All activities provide opportunities for ESL and non-ESL students and faculty to celebrate the wealth of cultures within the Tri-C community. In addition, Tri-C produces ESL Voices, a publication that showcases the writings of ESL students.

Individual tutoring is available free of charge, and instructors encourage students to consult with them during office hours.
Program Requirements

Basic English Proficiency:
To be admitted to our program, you must be able to speak, read, and write simple sentences in English as well as understand basic spoken English.

Placement Test:
You must take a test to determine your placement in English as a Second Language. The test will not have an impact on your admission; it is for placement purposes only.

How to Become an ESL Student

1. Submit an application for admission. Applications are available at a campus Enrollment Center and at www.tri-c.edu.

2. Take the ESL placement tests in the Learning Center on campus. No appointment is necessary. Allow approximately an hour and forty-five minutes for the tests.

3. Visit an ESL evaluator or program coordinator who will discuss your test results with you and place you in ESL classes appropriate to your skill level.

4. Register for ESL classes online at my Tri-C space (my.tri-c.edu) or at a campus Enrollment Center.

5. Make payment arrangements at the Enrollment Center or online at my Tri-C space (my.tri-c.edu).

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