

## **English as a Second Language (8-16 credits)**

The English as a Second Language Certificate of Proficiency assists non-English speaking members of the Jefferson community in attaining levels of English proficiency that are adequate to support their professional and work-related needs and enhance their mobility within Jefferson and the larger community. The program is designed to help students develop functional ability in English in both receptive (listening and reading) and productive (speaking and writing) skills. The curriculum addresses instruction in all four of these skills. The certificate is awarded upon achievement of required language competencies in these skills at the advanced level.

A comprehensive pre-admission placement test is required to determine placement into courses at the appropriate level for speaking, listening, reading and writing. Depending on the results of placement testing, students will take two to four courses in the curriculum (8-16 credits) to achieve the competencies required for the certificate.

To be eligible for enrollment in the certificate program, students must demonstrate adequate language competencies in specific reading/writing and oral (speaking/listening) skills required for the intermediate level of ESL instruction. Students who do not meet these criteria will take the introductory ESL courses as a prerequisite for the courses in the certificate program. They may then enroll with the intent to complete all necessary levels.

### **Curriculum**

ESL 301	Intermediate Oral Skills (Listening and Speaking)
ESL 302	Intermediate Written Skills (Reading and Writing)
ESL 401	Advanced Oral Skills (Listening and Speaking)
ESL 402	Advanced Written Skills (Reading and Writing)

### **Prerequisites:**

ESL 101	Introductory Oral Skills A (Listening and Speaking)
ESL 102	Introductory Written Skills A (Reading and Writing)
ESL 201	Introductory Oral Skills B (Listening and Speaking)
ESL 202	Introductory Written Skills B (Reading and Writing)

### **Admission Requirements**

- Advising session through the Department of General Studies
- Achievement of intermediate level scores on comprehensive placement test in speaking, listening, reading and writing skills; or enrollment in any of the prerequisite courses with the intent to complete all necessary levels.