

American higher education by way of an introduction to American culture. Topics include general purpose and recreational reading, reading speed and comprehension strategies, vocabulary and idiomatic expression development. ESL 103 is open only to students on international exchange for whom the course can carry transfer credit to their home programs; all other students register for ESL 073.

ESL 074 / ESL 104 (F,S) 3 hrs. cr.

Intermediate ESL Composition

This course is designed to help the ESL learner master English syntax at the sentence and paragraph level, with an introduction to basic academic essay form. Emphasis is on competency in expressing clearly complex ideas through developing various types of paragraphs. Students learn development of main and supporting ideas. ESL 104 is open only to students on international exchange for whom the course can carry transfer credit to their home programs; all other students register for ESL 074.

ESL 082 / ESL 122 (F,S) 3 hrs. cr.

Academic Speaking and Listening

Students focus on advanced speaking and listening skills appropriate to American higher educational settings, including language production and understanding. The course emphasizes academic lecture discourse and note taking skills; discussion leadership and participation styles; researching, analyzing and expressing opinions on a variety of academic topics. ESL 122 is open only to students on international exchange for whom the course can carry transfer credit to their home programs; all other students register for ESL 082. Both courses require a placement test or approval of the IEP director.

ESL 083 / ESL 123 (F,S) 3 hrs. cr.

Reading in Academic Contexts

Students focus on reading skills necessary for university academic work, stressing reading strategies and vocabulary development. Primary focuses are understanding difficult texts and vocabularies, increasing reading speed and encouragement of recreational reading in English. Topics include essay and academic texts; careful reading, skimming and scanning skills, and summarizing. ESL 123 is open only to students on international exchange for whom the course can carry transfer credit to their home programs; all other students register for ESL 083. Both courses require a placement test or permission of the IEP director.

ESL 084 / ESL 124 (F,S) 3 hrs. cr.

ESL Academic Composition

This course is designed to help the ESL learner master English syntax at the essay and formal paper level, with introduction to basic citation form. Emphasis is on academic discourse styles in development of the essay and other types of classroom written work. Topics include development of a thesis through essay organization and writing clearly under the pressure of time. ESL 124 is open only to students on international exchange for whom the course can carry transfer credit to their home programs; all other students register for ESL 084. Both courses require a placement test or permission of the IEP director.

ESL 085 / ESL 125 (F,S)

3 hrs. cr.

ESL Skills for the University

This is a multi-skills course which focuses on student language needs for the American university classroom. While the topic under study will change from semester to semester, the primary focus on multiple language skills adequate for university work remains the same. Students will explore an academic topic through extensive reading, writing and research, class discussion, lecture note taking, and examinations at a level expected of first year students. Students will not only practice skills learned from earlier classes, they will learn strategies to deal with the volume of work required in university classes.

ESL 125 is open only to students on international exchange for whom the course can carry transfer credit to their home programs; all other students register for ESL 085. Both courses require a placement test or permission of the IEP director.



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The mission of the International Language Resource Center is to promote, improve, and strengthen foreign language instruction on the MSSU campus, in area schools, and in the community at large. The International Language Resource Center contributes to the MSSU International Mission by offering a variety of resources and services to develop intercultural sensitivity and understanding as well as to promote appreciation of our own cultural diversity.

Our resources and services include:

- state-of-the-art language lab
- foreign language tutorial services
- viewing, recording, and duplicating facilities
- collection of books and dictionaries, audio and video materials, compact and laser discs, and computer software
- outreach foreign language classes in local schools, MSSU campus, and the Joplin library
- professional development workshops
- Modern Foreign Language Field Day for area schools
- Spanish Village summer immersion camp
- list of speakers of other languages in the area
- foreign language newspapers
- International Channel and TV5 broadcasts.

The Center is committed to ongoing improvement through continuous assessment and evaluation of its practices and services.