



ESOL Program

English for speakers
of other languages.



Ringling College
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Here's a sneak peek →



International students and speakers of languages other than English are supported in many ways here at Ringling College of Art and Design. We know that our home, Sarasota, Florida, has a culture different than that of the 65 countries represented by our international students. The ESOL Program faculty and staff understand that adapting to a culture different from your own is challenging, and we are here to ease this adjustment. The ESOL Program offers ESOL classes and English language tutoring to students whose first language is not English.

Our Goals

Our program and classes were developed specifically for Ringling College students! The services and goals of our program include:

- **Building your confidence while speaking with classmates and professors**
- **Increasing language proficiency in speaking, pronunciation, writing, listening, and reading**
- **Helping you learn and understand academic expectations at Ringling College**



Our Program

Our focused ESOL Program introduces non-native English speakers to the resources available on campus while also building writing, reading, speaking, and listening proficiency and outlining academic expectations. Our program provides students with opportunities to explore the language and prepare for success in their Studio and Liberal Arts courses. From vocabulary practice to discussions and presentations, students can take the skills directly from our program to their studio classes and their Liberal Arts classes to join and participate in the communities of their majors.

Our Program includes:

- **The Critical Skills for English Language Learners course connects students with campus services and staff.**
- **The Writing Studio course enhances students' reading and writing proficiency.**

Critical Skills for English Language Learners is a one-semester course created to introduce ESOL students to the resources and nuances of life at Ringling College. The resources include Career Services, the Student Learning Center, the Library, and the Health Center. As part of the Ringling Community, you will feel comfortable approaching each of these departments when necessary throughout your time at the College.

Critical Skills for English Language Learners is designed to:

- **Improve classroom and campus life experience**
- **Strengthen communication with faculty and staff**
- **Introduce American academic culture and expectations**

Thirty to forty percent of our international student population takes this course to ease the transition of studying in a new country.

Our ESOL class sizes are small, and we guarantee individualized attention, a necessary factor in ensuring that we meet the distinct needs of each student.

Language Skills Practiced

Students in the ESOL Program will work individually and in groups to build the skills they need to succeed in their courses and in their careers.

Students will practice:

Large and small group discussion

Presentations

Reading comprehension

Note taking

Listening skills

Grammar

Pronunciation

Vocabulary

Critiques

Short answers for testing

Learning strategies

Student Learning Outcomes

Throughout this program, students will learn to:

Engage in clear communication

State concise opinions and ideas

Use new vocabulary

Develop critical thinking skills

Build higher level speaking and listening skills

Practice presentations

Develop reading comprehension of academic and professional materials

Explore and understand their new surroundings

Discover best practices for success at Ringling College



ESOL Program Placement and Assessment

Placement into Critical Skills for English Language Learners is determined by the ESOL Program Coordinator and ESOL faculty. Before students arrive to campus, international students take a listening and speaking assessment. The program staff also take into account TOEFL scores and other criteria from a student's admissions file as appropriate. Program faculty and Advising staff work together to place students in classes that best suit their needs and ensure their success. Class placement is smooth and seamless; if you are to take Critical Skills for English Language Learners, you will know before the first day of classes.



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