

Palo Verde College

Program Outline Report

Program Basics

Program Title:	English as a Second Language
Program Status:	Active from 2025-2026 Fall (2025FA)
Department:	English As a Second Lang
Award Type:	Certificate of Achievement (Credit)
Program/Catalog Description	The English as a Second Language (ESL) program is dedicated to the teaching of non-native speakers of English, enabling them to acquire the English language skills necessary to achieve a variety of social, academic, and vocational goals.
Control Number:	42787
Credential ID:	No value
Transferability:	No value
(SP01) Program TOP Code:	4930.87
(SP01) Program TOP Code:	English as a Second Language–Integrated
(SP02) Student Program Award:	Certificate requiring 30 to fewer than 60 semester units
Maximum Credits:	38
Minimum Credits:	38
Curriculum Committee Approval Date:	03/20/2025
Board of Trustees Approval Date:	04/08/2025
External Review Approval Date:	04/08/2025

Proposal Details

Proposal Start:	2025-2026 Fall (2025FA)
What changes have been made to the program:	Updating date to bring in AB1111 CCN into the program.
Program Justification:	ESL credit certificate program to mirror the non-credit program.

Submission Rationale

No value

Program Requirements

Required courses (Total 38) Complete all of the following

ESL010 - Integrated ESL Skills level I

ESL020 - Integrated ESL Skills Level II	6
ESL030 - Integrated ESL Skills Level III	6
ESL040 - Academic Reading and Writing for ESL	3
ENGLC1000 - Academic Reading and Writing	4
SPE101 - Introduction to Speech	3
SPA101 - Elementary Spanish I	5
SPA102 - Elementary Spanish II	5

Recommended Sequences

New Sequence

Term 1 (Total 5-6)

Required courses (Total 5-6)

Take one of the following

ESL010 - Integrated ESL Skills level I	6
SPA101 - Elementary Spanish I	5

Term 2 (Total 5-6)

Required courses (Total 5-6)

Take one of the following

ESL020 - Integrated ESL Skills Level II	6
SPA102 - Elementary Spanish II	5

Term 3 (Total 6)

Required courses ESL030 - Integrated ESL Skills Level III	6
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Term 4 (Total 3)

Required courses ESL040 - Academic Reading and Writing for ESL	3
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Term 5 Summer (Total 3-4)

Required courses (Total 3-4)

Take one of the following

ENGLC1000 - Academic Reading and Writing	4
SPE101 - Introduction to Speech	3

Program Outcomes

English as a Second Language

1. Demonstrate listening, speaking, reading and writing skills needed for employment or for entry into college level courses.

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Program Narrative

Narrative Item 1. Program Goals and Objectives

Non-native speakers of English who complete this certificate program will be equipped with listening, speaking, reading and writing skills needed for employment or for entry into college level courses.

This program is consistent with the college mission, which states, in part: "The College promotes student success and lifelong learning for a diverse community of learners." The ESL program achieves this goal by welcoming a diverse population of ESL learners who come to the United States from different countries, and by helping them integrate into their communities.

Narrative Item 2. Catalog Description

The English as a Second Language (ESL) program is dedicated to the teaching of non-native speakers of English, enabling them to acquire the English language skills necessary to achieve a variety of social, academic, and vocational goals.

Narrative Item 3. Program Requirements

Requirements	Dept. Name/#	Name	Units	Sequence
Required Core	ESL 010	Integrated ESL Skills Level I	6	Yr 1, Fall
Required Core	SPA 101	Elementary Spanish I	5	Yr 1, Fall
Required Core	ESL 020	Integrated ESL Skills Level II	6	Yr 1, Spring
Required Core	SPA 102	Elementary Spanish II	5	Yr 1, Spring
Required Core	ESL 030	Integrated ESL Skills Level III	6	Yr 2, Fall
Required Core	ESL 040	Academic Reading and Writing for ESL	3	Yr 2, Spring
Required Core	ENGL C1000	Academic Reading and Writing	4	Yr 2, Summer
Required Core	SPE 101	Introduction to Speech	3	Yr 2, Summer
		Total required	38	

Narrative Item 4. Master Planning

Many of the students in Palo Verde College's ESL program are first generation, relatively recent immigrants. They are generally younger and aspiring to enter a profession (get a college degree) or obtain a certificate in to help them enter the work force more quickly. These students generally have higher educational levels.

Another cohort of students at the college is older and longer-term residents. Many of these individuals are returning to school after they have raised their children, are retired, disabled, unemployed or underemployed. They are learning English to fulfill a postponed desire, or they are pursuing retraining in some field. Their educational levels are lower than the aforementioned younger students.

A list of the college's student population includes but is not limited to: immigrant students who are learning English to better assimilate into American culture; U.S. citizens aspirants; students with career goals; Palo Verde High School ELD students who are concurrently enrolled at PVC; Palo Verde High School graduates who still need English development; International students, even though these types of students are very few; Arizona residents who need English language development; CALWORKS/GAIN students; and migrant students.

Chuckawalla State Prison and Ironwood State Prison, two correctional institutions located within the college district and which participate substantially in the college's educational programs, have a large population of non-English speakers who would benefit from ESL courses and the ESL certificate.

Narrative Item 5. Enrollment and Completer Projections

It is projected that 30 students would earn a certificate annually.

Narrative Item 6. Place of Program in Curriculum/Similar Programs

Palo Verde College has an ample inventory of courses and career advancement opportunities. The Credit ESL certificate of achievement will be the first certificate in this discipline. This certificate of achievement will support the students in the transition to college level courses and programs of study.

Narrative Item 7. Similar Programs at Other Colleges in Service Area

The closest California community colleges to Palo Verde College are College of the Desert and Imperial Valley College which are both over 100 miles away from Palo Verde College and College of the Desert being the only one to offer a similar program.

College of the Desert offers The Certificate of Proficiency in Advanced Academic ESL which provides students, prospective employers, and others with documented evidence of persistence and academic accomplishment in English as a Second Language. The certificate demonstrates satisfactory completion of the ESL program designed to enable non-native English language students to develop college-level oral, aural, reading, and written fluency. This certificate is locally approved and is NOT notated on the student's academic transcript in accordance with State regulations.