



SKILLS

(things you will learn or use)

- Written Comprehension
- Oral Expression
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- Written Expression
- Speech Clarity

INTEREST

- Training and Teaching Others
- Establishing and Maintaining Interpersonal Relationships
- Communicating with Supervisors, Peers, or Subordinates
- Interpreting the Meaning of Information for Others
- Thinking Creatively

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ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

MAJOR SHEETS

WHAT IS ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)?

The ESL (English as a Second Language) program is established to provide students with the vocabulary and grammatical structures needed for both school performance and everyday living. Cultural differences often cause interference, interruption, and misunderstanding in American classrooms. Because cultural behaviors are usually taken for granted by all humans, cultural differences may not be noticed until trouble erupts. The process of understanding involves four steps. First, understand the nature of the culture and its implications for the classroom. Second, gain all facts possible about the culture of all ethnic groups represented in the classroom. Third, learn to be a good observer of cultural patterns. Finally, provide for cultural differences in planning and conducting instruction. Together with the classroom teacher, the ESL teacher develops language acquisition and cognitive academic language skills through the use of sound instructional techniques. The ESL program provides the English Language Learner (ELL) the opportunity to grasp the academic, social, and cultural aspects of the English language through the teaching of reading, writing, spelling, and listening.

LAMC DEGREES & CERTIFICATES OFFERED

- **Certificate of Accomplishment in Advanced ESL**
- **Certificate of Accomplishment in High Intermediate ESL**
- **Certificate of Accomplishment in Low Advanced ESL**

TRANSFER RELATED MAJORS

- **Fresno State: English** : Creative Writing & Literature
- **San Jose State:** English
- **San Diego State:** English
- **Sonoma State:** English - Creative Writing & Literature
- **CSU Northridge:** English - Creative Writing & Literature
- **CSU Los Angeles:** English & English - Single Subject Teaching
- **CSU Channel Islands: English:** Multicultural Literature & English Educational Preparation
- **CSU Stanislaus:** Liberal Studies & English
- **CSU Bakersfield:** English - Language & Literature
- **UC Riverside:** English
- **UC Los Angeles:** English
- **UC Irvine:** English
- **UC Berkeley:** English
- **UC San Diego:** Literatures in English



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WORK ENVIRONMENT

- May make field visits to gather information and obtain feedback
- Often work on a contractual basis and may work in the offices of the employer or out of their own home
- When interpreting for official functions, Interpreters may work in prestigious settings

WEBSITE RESOURCES

www.lamission.edu/careercenter
<http://www.lamission.edu/English-as-a-Second-Language/Home.aspx>
www.assist.org
www.salary.com
<https://uncw.edu/career/whatcanidowithamajorin.html>
www.cacareerzone.org
<http://degrees.calstate.edu/>
https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/files/undergraduate_majors_list.pdf

POTENTIAL JOB TITLES

- Literacy Teachers
- Interpreters
- Document Management Specialists
- Paralegals and Legal Assistants
- Academic Advisors
- Textbook and Materials Writers

POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS

- Hospitality
- College/Universities
- Translator
- Agents
- Corporations
- Law Firms
- Department of Social Services

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