ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) CLASSES

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Whom are these classes designed for?
These English courses are intended for English language learners who need to refine their linguistic skills for academic, personal, or professional reasons. Some courses are helpful to academics (UC San Diego graduate students, researchers, staff, etc.) and to people in scientific settings. Other courses are designed to improve the language skills of professionals and those in the American workplace. Our courses are open to anyone in the local and international community.

What level are the classes?
Our classes are for the intermediate- to advanced-level English language learner. At this time, we do not have any classes for beginning-level students.

Will I have to take a language placement exam?
Most of our courses do not require a language placement exam. If you have concerns about your language level or want to speak to an advisor, please email esl@ucsd.edu.

How many classes can I take?
Students can choose to take as many or as few classes as they want. Classes listed as I and II can be taken in any order. While there is no limit, students should expect to have about 2-4 hours of homework each week per class.

How much do classes cost?
Our classes range in price from $167 to $500. Class prices vary depending on length and credit hours. The cost of the class covers the entire date range, from the first class to the last class. Please view the quarter flyer or our website for individual course cost.
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How long are the classes?
Some classes are as short as 4 weeks and others are as long as 10 weeks. The number of class meetings varies by class. Most of our classes meet once per week in the evening (after 5 p.m.). Classes usually meet for 3 hours per week.

Are classes in-person or online?
We offer three different kinds of delivery formats for our courses. With all delivery formats, students will need access to regular and reliable internet connection to view the course materials and if applicable participate in virtual class meetings. Below is an explanation of the course delivery formats.

- **Online Asynchronous** = Class will be entirely online and asynchronous. Students will work at their own pace to complete the required weekly coursework. There will be no virtual class meetings.

- **Live Online** = Class will be synchronous. Class meetings will be delivered via Zoom. Students must be available to attend Zoom class meetings every week at the dates & times listed. No exceptions. All times are listed in Pacific Standard Time (PST).

- **In-person** = Class will meet physically in-person at our Extension La Jolla campus on the days and times listed. Students must be available to attend all in-person class meetings. Instructor will also supplement the course with online resources, tasks, and assignments. In-person classes are held at Extension La Jolla Campus (9600 N. Torrey Pines Road).

  ***IMPORTANT! For in-person class meetings, students will be required to comply with the University’s policy and vaccine mandate. Extension students are eligible to apply for a deferral or exemption. More information will be shared with students in the coming weeks.***

Do I have to take the class for a grade?
No, you do not. The choice is entirely yours! Students can choose to take the class for a letter grade (A, B, C…etc.), pass/no pass, or not for credit. With “letter grade” and “pass/no pass”, students will still receive credit for the course on their UC San Diego Extension transcript. With “not for credit” students will not receive credit on their transcript.

Are there any discounts available?
UC San Diego Extension offers a 10 percent discount, up to $50 per quarter, on eligible courses to eligible students. The following UC San Diego-affiliated persons are eligible to receive the discount:

- UC San Diego fulltime matriculated students
- UC San Diego faculty and their spouse or domestic partner *(this includes post-doctoral appointments)*
- UC San Diego career status staff and their spouse or domestic partner *(casual or contract employees are not eligible)*
- UC alumni
- Osher Lifelong Learning Institute members
- Chancellor’s Associate members
- UC San Diego Alumni Association members

For additional information on financial assistance, please view our [webpage](extension.ucsd.edu/financial-aid).
How do I enroll?
Students have many options for completing their enrollment!

- **Online**: Visit [extension.ucsd.edu/English-language](http://extension.ucsd.edu/English-language) to enroll online. Find you class, click “Add to Cart” and complete the steps to checkout.

- **Phone**: Call our Student Services office at 858-534-3400 to enroll over the phone. Please be sure to have the course Section ID Number ready when you enroll. The Section ID number is a 6-digit number and can be found on the course website.

- **In-person**: Visit one of our [Extension locations](#) for in-person enrollment. Operating hours are:
  - Monday – Thursday: 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.
  - Friday: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
  - Saturday: 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Will I receive a certificate after completing these courses?
These are individual, a-la-carte courses. Students will not receive a certificate for completing any courses. However, all classes are recorded on a student’s UC San Diego Extension transcript and a student can order a transcript as confirmation of completing and passing a course. Additionally, the Program Manager can also provide a Letter of Completion if requested by the student.

Who do I contact if I have questions?
Please contact the ESL Program Manager at [esl@ucsd.edu](mailto:esl@ucsd.edu) and allow 1-2 business days for a reply. If you would like to speak to someone, you can make a Zoom appointment via our online scheduling system, Setmore: [https://ucsdextintlprog.setmore.com/angiegozum](https://ucsdextintlprog.setmore.com/angiegozum).