

ESL PROGRAM

The English as a Second Language Program at Saint Louis University prepares international students for successful undergraduate and graduate careers at Saint Louis University by strengthening their English and intercultural communication skills while introducing them to university-level academic expectations.

Mission Statement

Saint Louis University's English as a Second Language Program is motivated by the knowledge that SLU is enriched by the global perspectives and cross-cultural exchanges that international students make possible. The program's mission is to prepare academically talented English-language learners for successful careers as undergraduate and graduate students at Saint Louis University through our commitment to excellence in teaching, service and learning.

Our English language programs integrate language study, academic skills and cultural awareness. They foster in students the intellectual curiosity that leads to recognition of a higher purpose to which we all contribute. We embrace and enact the Jesuit tradition of Saint Louis University by uniting the pursuit of individual academic excellence with our dedication to developing a community of men and women for others.

Academic English

Academic English is designed for students who need intensive English study before beginning International Direct or a graduate pathway program. Upon successful completion of the Academic English curriculum, students may progress to International Direct or graduate pathway.

International Direct

International Direct is a supportive curriculum and entry track designed for Saint Louis University's international undergraduate students. The International Direct curriculum features credit-bearing English courses and introductory-level degree courses, all of which contribute to completion of a bachelor's degree at SLU.

Graduate Pathway

A graduate pathway is ideal for international students who need additional English and academic preparation before continuing to a graduate degree program at Saint Louis University. Graduate pathways combine language study, academic skills development and credit-bearing coursework in a customized curriculum designed to move students successfully into their graduate degree program.

English for International Students

The ESL Program offers English composition, rhetoric and literature classes for international and multilingual students.

EAP 1500 College Composition for International Students (3 cr)
equivalent to ENGL 1500 The Process of Composition (3 cr)

EAP 1900 Rhetoric & Research Strategies for International Students (3 cr)
fulfills CORE 1900 Eloquentia Perfecta 1: Written and Visual Communication (3 cr)

EAP 2850 Nation, Identity and Literature (3 cr)

fulfills Eloquentia Perfecta: Writing Intensive

Graduate students can enroll in the Professional English Communication Skills Microcredential (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/academic-affairs/into/pro-english-comm-skills-micro/>).

Accreditation

The Saint Louis University English as a Second Language Program is accredited by the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation for the period August 2025 through August 2035 and agrees to uphold the CEA Standards for English Language Programs and Institutions. CEA is recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education as a nationally recognized accrediting agency for English language programs and institutions in the U.S. For further information about this accreditation, please contact CEA, 1001 N. Fairfax Street, Suite 630, Alexandria, VA 22314, (703) 665-3400, www.cea-accredit.org (<https://www.cea-accredit.org/>).

Programs

- Academic English Program (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/academic-affairs/into/academic-english/>)
- International Direct (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/academic-affairs/into/international-direct/>)
- Graduate Pathway Programs (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/academic-affairs/into/graduate-pathways/>)
 - Aerospace Engineering Graduate Pathway (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/academic-affairs/into/graduate-pathways/aerospace-engineering/>)
 - Applied Artificial Intelligence and Decision Analytics Graduate Pathway (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/academic-affairs/into/graduate-pathways/applied-ai-decision-analytics/>)
 - Applied Economics Graduate Pathway (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/academic-affairs/into/graduate-pathways/applied-economics/>)
 - Artificial Intelligence Graduate Pathway (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/academic-affairs/into/graduate-pathways/artificial-intelligence/>)
 - Artificial Intelligence in Medicine Graduate Pathway (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/academic-affairs/into/graduate-pathways/artificial-intelligence-in-medicine/>)
 - Bioinformatics and Computational Biology Graduate Pathway (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/academic-affairs/into/graduate-pathways/bioinformatics-computational-biology/>)
 - Biomedical Engineering Graduate Pathway (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/academic-affairs/into/graduate-pathways/biomedical-engineering/>)
 - Business Administration Graduate Pathway (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/academic-affairs/into/graduate-pathways/business-administration/>)
 - Chemical Sciences Graduate Pathway (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/academic-affairs/into/graduate-pathways/chemistry/>)
 - Civil Engineering Graduate Pathway (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/academic-affairs/into/graduate-pathways/civil-engineering/>)
 - Computer Science Graduate Pathway (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/academic-affairs/into/graduate-pathways/computer-science/>)

- Cybersecurity Graduate Pathway (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/academic-affairs/into/graduate-pathways/cybersecurity/>)
- Electrical and Computer Engineering Graduate Pathway (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/academic-affairs/into/graduate-pathways/electrical-computer-engineering/>)
- Health Data Science Graduate Pathway (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/academic-affairs/into/graduate-pathways/health-data-science/>)
- Health Informatics Graduate Pathway (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/academic-affairs/into/graduate-pathways/health-informatics/>)
- Information Systems and Emerging Technologies Graduate Pathway (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/academic-affairs/into/graduate-pathways/info-systems-emerging-tech/>)
- Mathematics Graduate Pathway (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/academic-affairs/into/graduate-pathways/mathematics/>)
- Mechanical Engineering Graduate Pathway (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/academic-affairs/into/graduate-pathways/mechanical-engineering/>)
- Nursing Graduate Pathway (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/academic-affairs/into/graduate-pathways/nursing/>)
- Nutrition and Dietetics Graduate Pathway (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/academic-affairs/into/graduate-pathways/nutrition-dietetics/>)
- Project Management Graduate Pathway (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/academic-affairs/into/graduate-pathways/project-management/>)
- Public Health Graduate Pathway (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/academic-affairs/into/graduate-pathways/public-health/>)
- Supply Chain Management Graduate Pathway (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/academic-affairs/into/graduate-pathways/supply-chain-management/>)
- Technology Leadership Graduate Pathway (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/academic-affairs/into/graduate-pathways/technology-leadership/>)
- Professional English Communication Skills, Microcredential (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/academic-affairs/into/pro-english-comm-skills-micro/>)

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Policies

The ESL Program Student Handbook (<https://www.slu.edu/admission/international/into/resources/>) is guide to the policies and procedures of the ESL Program. The handbook contains information about continuation, progression, and matriculation, as well as the curriculum, advising, and academic support for students enrolled in Academic English, International Direct or a graduate pathway.

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