



Intensive Academic English as a Second Language

About the Program

This intensive language program is designed to provide students with the English proficiency necessary to successfully complete their academic courses.

It comprises three proficiency levels: low-intermediate, high-intermediate, and advanced. Each level consists of four modules, each including all skills in context, but emphasizing one skill: *Speaking/Listening*, *Reading*, *Writing*, and *Grammar*. Each of the four modules requires four hours per week of classroom time for a semester, in conjunction with four hours per week of *American Culture and Language Immersion*, for a total of twenty hours of English language weekly.

Program Specifics

Madonna University UNCONDITIONAL admission requirements for undergraduate and graduate students, respectively:

- Baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university in the United States, Canada (English-language institutions only), the Bahamas, Guyana, Jamaica, Great Britain, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand; or South Africa (English-language institutions only).
- Full four years of attendance at and graduation from a U.S. high school with standard-track English and, if available from within two years of making application, acceptable ACT or SAT scores; or
- Completion of 24 transferable credits, excluding ESL courses, from a U.S. two-year or four-year institution; or
- Matriculation from the British high school with completion of at least three Advanced Level examinations; or
- International Baccalaureate diploma (IB) with a minimum of 3 higher level subjects, or
- Internet Based TOEFL (iBT, Test of English as a Foreign Language) with a minimum score of 70 (undergraduate) or 80 (graduate); or
- TOEFL paper-and-pencil test with a minimum score of 523 (undergraduate) or 550 (graduate), accompanied by the Test of Written English (TWE) with a minimum score of 5; or

- MELAB score of 76+ (undergraduate) or 77+ (graduate); or
- IELTS score of 6.0+ (undergraduate) or 6.5+ (graduate), or
- PTE Academic score of 48 (undergraduate) or 53 (graduate); or

(Students with no scores as above, see the FAQ on the reverse of this sheet.)

Students may move to REGULAR admission upon completion of the ESL program and achievement of a minimum score on the Institutional TOEFL/Madonna University Writing/Speaking test.

Mission

The Intensive English as a Second Language program at Madonna University is deeply committed to providing comprehensive instruction in all aspects of academic English for non-native speakers. It is our belief that the international students at Madonna University enrich both the academic and non-academic communities. With this vision, we seek to cultivate in our students the skills necessary to bring their unique perspectives and abilities to all facets of society.

Intensive Courses

The courses listed below are for 4 semester hours of credit each and require 4 classroom hours weekly each.

ESL 2010	Low-Intermediate Academic Speaking/Listening
ESL 2020	Low-Intermediate Academic Reading
ESL 2030	Low-Intermediate Academic Writing
ESL 2040	Low-Intermediate Academic Grammar
ESL 3010	High-Intermediate Academic Speaking/Listening
ESL 3020	High-Intermediate Academic Reading
ESL 3030	High-Intermediate Academic Writing
ESL 3040	High-Intermediate Academic Grammar

ESL 4010	Advanced Academic Speaking/Listening
ESL 4020	Advanced Academic Reading
ESL 4030	Advanced Academic Writing
ESL 4040	Advanced Academic Grammar

American Culture and Language

Immersion, four hours per week, is required with three or more intensive courses. It is encouraged, at no additional cost, for students taking only one or two ESL skills courses.

In addition to the Intensive ESL courses, undergraduate non-native English speakers substitute ESL 4230, Research Paper Writing, for Madonna's University Core Goal 1 (College Writing) course, WRT 1020, College Composition II.

Graduate students in the Intensive ESL program are required to complete the sequence with ESL 5230, Graduate Research Paper Writing.

Degree Credit for ESL Courses

ESL course work at the 4000-level, totaling a possible 19 semester hours of credit, may count as electives toward the undergraduate degree.

The Faculty

Faculty in the ESL Program hold advanced degrees in language teaching and memberships in TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages), Michigan TESOL, and other professional associations.

Tuition (2018-2019)

Students in Degree Programs and/or on F-1 Student Visas:	
-1 to 15 credits	300/credit
-16 credits Includes a 0 credit immersion course for 4 hours/week.	\$4,800 flat rate
-Additional Tuition for ESL 4000-level courses	\$430/credit
-ESL 5000-level courses	\$835/credit
-Non-credit ESL courses	\$300/hour



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equal educational opportunity without
discrimination because of race, religion, sex,
national origin, age, or disabilities.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Are ESL courses offered year round?

A: ESL courses are part of the
academic calendar. They meet
during fall and winter semesters
for 16 weeks. Each class meets
twice a week for 2 hours.
*American Culture and Language
Immersion* meets for 4 hours on
Fridays.

Q: Are ESL courses “for credit”?

A: The credits of 4000-level ESL
courses (a total of 19 semester
hours of ESL course work) may
count as electives toward the 120
hours necessary for a baccalaure-
ate degree. ALL ESL course
grades are calculated into the
overall Madonna University
grade point average.

Q: How many ESL courses do I have to take?

A: It depends on the placement test
results. Students have an oppor-
tunity to test out of the Intensive
ESL Program at the end of each
semester. (Occasionally, students
are exempted from ESL courses
because their level is equal to a
TOEFL score of 523
(undergraduate) or 550 (graduate)
and a TWE of 5.)

Q: Are ESL classes Pass/Fail?

A: No, the same grading policy
applies to ESL as to other
courses.

Q: Do you provide tutoring?

A: Yes, the Writing Center and the
Center for Personalized Instruc-
tion provide individual tutoring.

Q: Do I need TOEFL to be admitted to Madonna University?

A: No, but in that case you must take
M.U.’s institutional English
Placement Test (on campus) to
demonstrate your proficiency in

the English language in listening
and reading comprehension,
vocabulary, grammar, and
writing. Based on the test results,
you are placed in courses
commensurate with your English
proficiency levels.

Q: Do I need a writing test?

A: Yes. If you plan to take the
TOEFL, you must also register
for the TWE (Test of Written
English). If you take the M.U.
placement test, a written test will
be included. If you take the
TOEFL without the TWE, you
will be tested for your writing
proficiency at Madonna
University.