



# English as a Second Language Opportunities at San Bernardino Valley College

Would you or someone you know like to improve your English skills? San Bernardino Valley College offers non-credit and credit English as a second language courses.

Courses listed below are offered during the Fall and Spring semesters:

## Noncredit ESL Courses:

### ESL 601 – ESL BEGINNING LEVEL 1 – INTRODUCTION TO BASIC ENGLISH LITERACY

**Description:** This noncredit course is designed to introduce low-beginning English language learners to basic English letter-sound correspondence, vocabulary, and sentence patterns. Students will start using English to speak about themselves, their families, and their community. In addition, students will learn to read and complete simple forms. This course is taught through total English immersion while acknowledging students' cultural experiences.

### ESL 602 – ESL BEGINNING LEVEL 2 – ENGLISH AT HOME AND SCHOOLE

**Description:** This noncredit course is designed to prepare low-beginning English language learners with vocabulary and sentence structure to communicate in social and academic settings. Students will learn to give and respond to directions, as well as to speak about home, classroom routines, and community life by using a variety of sentence patterns. In addition, students will learn basic note-taking skills. This course is taught through total English immersion while acknowledging students' cultural experiences.

### ESL 603 – ESL BEGINNING LEVEL 3 – ENGLISH FOR WORK AND LEISURE

**Description:** This noncredit course is designed to prepare intermediate-beginning English language learners to use a variety of English structures and vocabulary for work and leisure. Students will learn appropriate linguistic behaviors with regards to the setting and time of the occasion being discussed. This course is taught through total English immersion while acknowledging students' cultural experiences.

### ESL 604 – ESL BEGINNING LEVEL 4 – ENGLISH FOR WORK AND EDUCATION

**Description:** This noncredit course is designed to prepare high-beginning English language learners to use Standard English for job interviews, and in conversations at work and in educational settings. Students will begin learning aspects of composition. In addition, students will learn effective note-taking skills. This course is taught through total English immersion while acknowledging students' cultural experiences.

### ESL 607 – BASIC CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH

**Description:** This noncredit course is designed to increase the skills of English language learners in basic conversation, listening and pronunciation of the English language. This course is taught through total English immersion while acknowledging students' cultural experiences.

## **Credit ESL Courses:**

### **ESL 930/630 – COMPOSITION BASED ESL LEVEL 1: BEGINNING**

**Description:** The focus of this credit course is on creating effective sentences and paragraphs, including a study of grammar, punctuation, and usage.

### **ESL 931/630 – COMPOSITION BASED ESL LEVEL 2: BEGINNING**

**Description:** The focus of this credit course is on creating effective sentences and paragraphs, including a review of grammar, punctuation, and usage. It also has some emphasis on pronunciation, listening and speaking.

### **ESL 940/640 – COMPOSITION BASED ESL LEVEL 3: INTERMEDIATE**

**Description:** The focus of this credit course is on creating effective sentences and paragraphs, including a review of grammar, punctuation, and usage.

### **ESL 941/641 – COMPOSITION BASED ESL LEVEL 4: ADVANCED**

**Description:** The focus of this credit course is on creating effective sentences, paragraphs and essays, including a review of grammar, punctuation, and usage.

These ESL classes offer individuals the opportunity to develop fundamental skills in the English language, which include practice in reading, speaking, listening, and/or writing.

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