The English as a Second Language (ESL) program at Webster University is designed to help non-native English speakers develop their language skills in an academic setting. Because Webster offers content-based ESL instruction, students undertake ESL classwork and content courses alongside American students. This way, ESL students learn how to interact with professors and students in a real academic setting while becoming accustomed to the linguistic rigors of undergraduate university work.

ESL classes are small, interactive, and lively to encourage active student participation and to give instructors more time with each individual student. Our expert faculty work hard to provide both a high-quality education and a supportive, culturally-inclusive environment for everyone in the ESL program.

Webster offers four different levels of ESL study to accommodate a variety of English proficiency levels, from our Full ESL Program to our Bridge Program — an abbreviated course of ESL study that gets students earning credits toward an undergraduate degree sooner.

POINTS OF DISTINCTION

- All Webster University ESL instructors have a master’s degree in TESL/TEFL. Many work as a teacher trainers, and have years of experience teaching English both in the U.S. and abroad.

- ESL students have access to the latest technology tools available for enhancing language learning, including electronic classrooms, online discussion tools, and video and audio equipment.

- Very advanced ESL students have the opportunity to begin working toward a Webster undergraduate or graduate degree while still enrolled in ESL courses.

- We offer multi-skill preparation for students who are looking to improve their test scores on the TOEFL and other standardized tests. Lower level ESL classes incorporate skills essential to TOEFL success.

- After becoming proficient in English, ESL students are eligible to apply to study abroad at one of Webster University’s international campuses.
CURRICULUM
The English as a Second Language program at Webster University uses a sustained content-based approach, which means that every student in Full Program ESL is enrolled for both ESL and content coursework. Curriculum in each section of the ESL program reflects the topics and assignments of typical university courseware, so students are fully prepared to earn a degree at an American university.

ESL Courses
available at the intermediate and upper intermediate levels
- Reading
- Writing
- Grammar
- Study Skills
- Pronunciation
- Oral Presentation
- Cultural Keywords
- Academic Communication Skills

ENROLLMENT OPTIONS
Enrollment options are designed to meet the needs of ESL students at varying levels of English proficiency. Students are placed according to their scores on the Webster University Placement Tests and ESL coordinator recommendations.

Full Program
- Intermediate Level (ESLG 2000.01)
  Students take 18 credit hours of ESL instruction at the Intermediate level. In addition, students attend ISTL 1000: Introduction to International Studies, the undergraduate class that provides content for ESL class instruction.

- Upper Intermediate Level (ESLG 4000.01)
  Students take 18 credit hours of ESL instruction at the Upper Intermediate level. In addition, students attend ISTL 1000: Introduction to International Studies, the undergraduate class that provides content for ESL class instruction, or they do independent content study.

Bridge Program
Students take six credit hours of ESL instruction (three credit hours per semester) at the same time as the coursework for their undergraduate or graduate major. These six credit hours include:

ESLG 4000.06  Research Writing
ESLG 4050.01  ESL Seminar

ESL Seminar
Student who wish to refine specific English language skills in such areas as citation, pronunciation, academic writing, or standardized testing may enroll in one- or two-credit individual instruction seminars.

APPLY
Call us today to let us assist you in your enrollment at Webster University!

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WELCOME TO ST. LOUIS!
Minutes from St. Louis, Missouri, Webster’s home campus is nestled in Webster Groves, a charming and historic residential suburb of St. Louis. Webster Groves is known for Victorian homes, music stores, and unique restaurants that complement the theaters and green spaces on campus. St. Louis is nearby, with all the cultural and entertainment opportunities a historic metropolitan city has to offer. We are minutes from the Saint Louis Zoo, Missouri Botanical Gardens, the Saint Louis Art Museum, and a multitude of parks, shopping centers, and restaurants, all accessible by bus and the Metrolink.

Campus is safe and attractive, offering musical performances, theatrical productions, intercollegiate and intramural sports, student activities and organizations, and a University Center with a fitness room and a swimming pool, as well as thriving multicultural student organizations that host on-campus events celebrating cultures around the world.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT
“One of the benefits to coming to Webster is that there is a strong connection with the rest of the world, and therefore there are many international students at the St. Louis campus. In and outside of the classroom, we talk a lot. Hence, thanks to the ESL program, I have many friends from several countries. This is my favorite part of being an ESL student.”

KEISUKE KASSAI
Political Science major and ESL student

ACCREDITATION
Webster University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association, 312-263-0356, www.ncahlc.org.