MAJOR IN ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

The Official Languages and Bilingualism Institute (OLBI) offers three programs in English as a second language, each tailored to your needs, skill level, and communication goals: a basic minor, an advanced minor and a major.

Our programs are designed to improve and broaden your skills in your second language. Courses focus on the four essential language skills (reading, writing, listening and speaking) and on more specialized areas, such as grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation and culture.

You develop your English through a variety of learning activities using motivating instructional materials. Your learning is supported by innovative and traditional learning resources, such as multimedia materials and language labs, a resource centre, web-based activities and conversation groups.

This program is offered in English and only to non-Anglophone students.

Program Requirements

The table below includes only the discipline-specific courses. Please refer to the Academic Regulations (https://www.uottawa.ca/about-us/policiesregulations/academic-regulations/b-2-program-studies/) for information on the Honours bachelor's with double major and the Honours bachelor's with major and minor.

Requirements for this program have been modified. Please consult the 2023-2024 calendar (https://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/archives/) for the previous requirements.

Compulsory courses

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ESL	2100	Learning to Learn: Strategies for Effective Language Learning	3 Units	
ESL	2121	Creating Meaning: Reading to Improve Writing Skills	3 Units	
ESL	2122	What did you Hear? Listening to Improve Speaking Skills	3 Units	
ESL	3373	Building Your Word Bank: Vocabulary Enrichment in Context	3 Units	
ESL	4100	Capstone Seminar. Reflection and Next Steps Toward Lifelong Language Learning	3 Units	
ESL	4375	Understanding Culture through Language	3 Units	
ESL	. 4391	Language Learning through Literature, Film and Digital Media	3 Units	
Optional courses				
6 course uni		s from:	6 Units	
E	SL 2181	Adjunct Language Course in ESL: Receptive Skills		
E	SL 2332	Explore the English-Speaking World: Refine your Listening Skills		
E	SL 2341	Reading Between the Lines: Reading Critically		
E	SL 2351	Let's Talk about it: Oral Communication in Academic Contexts		
E	SL 2361	State your Position: Writing with a Purpose		
E	SL 2371	Bending the Rule: Oral and Written Grammar at the Advanced Level		

Total:	42 Units			
3 optional course units in English (ENG)	3 Units			
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ESL 3100 Second Language Certification Test				
3 course units outside the program (Second Language Certification):				
ESL 3371 Sharpen your Skills: Grammar in Acaden and Professional Contexts	nic			
ESL 3363 Getting to the Point: Writing in Business Administrative Contexts	and			
ESL 3361 Write to be Read: Writing Academic Pape	ers			
ESL 3351 Speak Up and Speak Out: Oral Communication in Academic and Professional Contexts				
ESL 3181 Adjunct Language Course in ESL: Produc Skills	ctive			
9 course units from:	9 Units			
ESL 2391 Community-Based Language Learning				
ESL 2372 Did you say 'can' or 'can't'? Clarity in Spe and Pronunciation	eech			