

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/policies-regulations/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

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 units from:		6 Units
ESL 2181	Adjunct Language Course in ESL: Receptive Skills	
ESL 2332	Explore the English-Speaking World: Refine your Listening Skills	
ESL 2341	Reading Between the Lines: Reading Critically	
ESL 2351	Let's Talk about it: Oral Communication in Academic Contexts	
ESL 2361	State your Position: Writing with a Purpose	
ESL 2371	Bending the Rule: Oral and Written Grammar at the Advanced Level	

ESL 2372	Did you say 'can' or 'can't'? Clarity in Speech and Pronunciation	
ESL 2391	Community-Based Language Learning	
9 course units from:		9 Units
ESL 3181	Adjunct Language Course in ESL: Productive Skills	
ESL 3351	Speak Up and Speak Out: Oral Communication in Academic and Professional Contexts	
ESL 3361	Write to be Read: Writing Academic Papers	
ESL 3363	Getting to the Point: Writing in Business and Administrative Contexts	
ESL 3371	Sharpen your Skills: Grammar in Academic and Professional Contexts	
3 course units outside the program (Second Language Certification):		
ESL 3100	Second Language Certification Test	
3 optional course units in English (ENG) at the 2000 level		3 Units
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Total:		42 Units