

SCC's ESL program

ESL Program

1. [ESL Program Flowchart](#)
2. *We are here to support their language development, not to slow them down.*
3. At the same time, ESL provides a really supportive and educational “on-ramp” for students who are new to the U.S. college system, including first generation college students (and generation 1.5).

ESL Ambassadors, please send students to us!

1. [ESL ambassadors!](#) flyer
2. [ESL ambassadors webpage](#)
3. Ongoing “hands-on” training in CCCapplications, e-services navigation, financial aid applications, gmail/googledocs, and CANVAS.
4. ESL Ambassadors speak Spanish, Russian, Rumanian, Dari, Pashto/Farsi, Arabic, Vietnamese and Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese)
5. Also, LosRios has a new [Refugee Career Pathways](#) program:
 - Olga Prizhbilov (916) 568-3115 | prizhbo@losrios.edu
 - For Afghan community specific resources, please see our [Afghan Student Support Page](#).

ESL Assessment test:

1. After CCCapply, email the ESL Chair, Prof. Brett Thomas (thomasb@scc.losrios.edu) with full name and ID:
 - a. Dear Professor Thomas, I would like to start ESL placement. My full name is (First name, Last name), and my wID is (ex: w1234567).
Thank you!
2. Prof. Thomas will send clear instructions to their losrios gmail (please emphasize this) to access the assessment test (it will be viewable in their CANVAS).
3. Take the test at their convenience (asap)
4. *Within a week* (usually 3-4 days), read the email from Prof. Thomas with ESL class recommendations; talk to a counselor to enroll in these.
5. *If enrollment is closed*, please put students in contact with our ESL Ambassadors. We will recommend the ESLLAB and [local Adult Ed ESL programs](#) for some English development/practice while they are waiting for the new semester.

ESL Challenges for continuing high level students:

1. If a student wants to skip ESL, of course that is their choice. But, remind them that they are not “locked” into the sequence. *Students who show the ability to jump a level can ask their instructor to support this challenge process.* Almost all legitimate challenges (A students) are granted.
 - a. Legitimate ESL 315 students and lower will really struggle with the reading/writing level in college classes. Any challenge questions students have can be asked to Prof. Thomas.

ESL Certificates:

1. [ESL Certificate Flyer](#) -- listed on programs as “Advanced Proficiency in ESL.”
2. **All ESL courses qualify for financial aid**, even though our certificates don't appear on the approved financial aid certificate list.

Still have questions? Duane Leonard, leonard@scc.losrios.edu, (530) 435-5239 (text ok)

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- a. We've had issues with our new program getting lower level ESL classes approved (ESLG [grammar] and ESLL [listening/speaking] since they are not on the prerequisites to ESLW 340 or ENGWR 300.
- b. Please override any ESL courses so that they are granted financial aid.