Mission College has been serving Silicon Valley for 40 years. We are located in Santa Clara, across from Great America. We offer three different, high-quality programs in English as a Second Language. Our programs attract students who want to improve English to get a college degree, improve their job opportunities, and/or participate more fully in their local communities. Whether you are new to the U.S. or have lived here many years, we have the ESL courses to help you reach your goals!

Mission Possible!

“Mission College helped me a lot. When I first came to the U.S., my English was poor, and I would have never imagined that I would be able to accomplish what I have. I am thankful to my instructors, counselors, and classmates who encouraged and supported me along the way.”

- Vy Tran
The Credit ESL Program provides high-beginning to advanced skill development and college preparation for non-native speakers of English. This program is designed to give our ESL students the tools they need to reach their academic, career, and personal goals.

Credit ESL is for students who:
• Want to improve their written and spoken English skills for success in college classes, at work, or in the community
• Are considering earning a certificate or an Associate degree or transferring to a four-year college and need higher-level English skills
• Need the flexibility of attending morning, afternoon, or evening classes

Levels: 5 levels from high-beginning to advanced
Skills: Writing, grammar, reading, listening, speaking, and pronunciation
When: Spring Semester, Summer Session, and Fall Semester
Cost: $46 per semester unit for California residents; $250 per semester unit for non-residents

The Noncredit ESL Program offers classes and online lab courses for low-beginning and beginning level students. Our classes offer an integrated skills approach, which gives students opportunity to improve reading, writing, grammar, listening, and speaking skills at each class meeting.

Noncredit ESL is for students who want to:
• Improve English skills to later enroll in credit ESL courses
• Improve English skills to get a job or get a better job
• Communicate better in English for everyday life

Levels: Two levels from low-beginning to beginning
Skills: Reading, writing, grammar, speaking, listening, study skills, and citizenship preparation.
When: Spring Semester, Summer Session, and Fall Semester
Open-Entry: Students can enroll at any point in the semester if space is available
Cost: No fees

The Institute for International Studies (IIS) provides high-quality intensive language instruction to international students who need to improve English skills for their academic, career, and personal goals. The program offers ESL learners comprehensive support for language development and cultural adjustment.

IIS is for students who want to:
• Improve their English in order to enter Mission College or other colleges
• Attend school full-time and learn English quickly
• Engage in cross-cultural activities and field trips

Levels: Four levels from high-beginning to advanced
Skills: Reading, writing, grammar, listening, speaking, study skills, pronunciation, and research literacy
When: Five start dates – January, March, May, August, and October
Cost: $2,600 for 8 weeks and $4,600 for 16 weeks

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