

Frequently Asked Questions

How much do ESL courses cost?

Madonna University recognizes ESL as an academic subject; therefore, ESL courses cost the same amount as other undergraduate courses. However, non-matriculated students may take ESL courses for non-credit.

Are ESL courses offered year round?

ESL courses are part of the academic calendar. That is, during fall and winter terms classes meet for 15 weeks. Each class is three hours long. Spring and summer classes may be taken twice a week for 6 1/2 weeks and are 3.5 hours in duration.

Are ESL courses “for Credit”?

23 semester hours of ESL course work may count as electives toward the 120 hours necessary for a baccalaureate degree. ALL ESL course grades are calculated into the overall Madonna University grade point average.

How many ESL courses do I have to take?

It depends entirely on the placement test results. (Occasionally, students are exempted from ESL courses because their level is equal to a TOEFL score of 540 or TOEFL 207, and a TWE of 5. On average, students take 4-5 ESL courses, but some need only 1 or 2, others 9 or 10. It depends on the initial level.)

Can I take other college classes along with ESL?

If your test results show that you are at the advanced level, you may take ESL concurrently with other classes.

Are ESL classes Pass/Fail?

No, the same grade policy applies to ESL as to other courses.

Do you provide tutoring?

Yes, the Writing Lab and the Center for Personalized Instruction provide individual tutoring.

Do I need TOEFL to be admitted to Madonna University?

No, but you must take M.U.'s institutional English Placement Test to demonstrate your proficiency in the English language. Based on the test results, you are placed in courses commensurate with your English proficiency levels.

Do I need a Writing test?

Yes. If you plan to take the TOEFL, you must also register for the TWE (Test of Written English). If you take M.U.'s placement test, you will be given a written test similar to the TWE. If you take the TOEFL without the TWE, you will be tested for your writing proficiency at Madonna University.