



Certificate Program English as a Second Language

The Goodwin University ESL program is designed for non-native speakers seeking to improve proficiency in listening, speaking, reading and writing English. ESL coursework will expand students' knowledge of American customs and culture and provide a foundation in academic English to help students advance to college-level classes.

- ESL courses are available to most students at no cost.*
- Goodwin University is conveniently located on bus lines 95 and 87. Local buses connect to CTfastrak service.
- Academic and vocational English classes are available for increased job opportunities and better quality of life.
- Tutoring is available
- Day and evening classes are available
- Small class sizes and personal attention

ESL day classes

Monday–Thursday
8:15 a.m.–2:15 p.m. for 7½ weeks

ESL evening classes

Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday
5:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m. for 15 weeks

* Income guidelines and residency requirements apply.
The student is responsible for the cost of the application fee and books.

ESL Levels

Level 1: ESL 015 - Beginning English I

This course focuses on fundamental grammar, common vocabulary, introduction to reading skills in English, and conversation practice.

Level 2: ESL 025 - Beginning English II

This course continues and reinforces content and skills from ESL 015. Students will focus on four skills in various segments- fundamental grammar, common vocabulary, reading comprehension, and conversation practice.

Level 3: ESL 035 - Intermediate English I

This course is designed to develop students' grammar, as well as introduce students to paragraph writing. Additionally, students will be introduced to giving speeches and presentations, as well as advancing reading comprehension and vocabulary.

Level 4: ESL 045 - Intermediate English II

This course builds on the foundation of the previous three levels. It is designed to help students refine their grammar and build effective communication skills. Students will also continue reading more complex texts as well as building speaking and oral presentation skills. Students will move beyond writing at the paragraph level into longer compositions.

Goodwin University is a nonprofit institution of higher education and is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE), formerly known as the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).