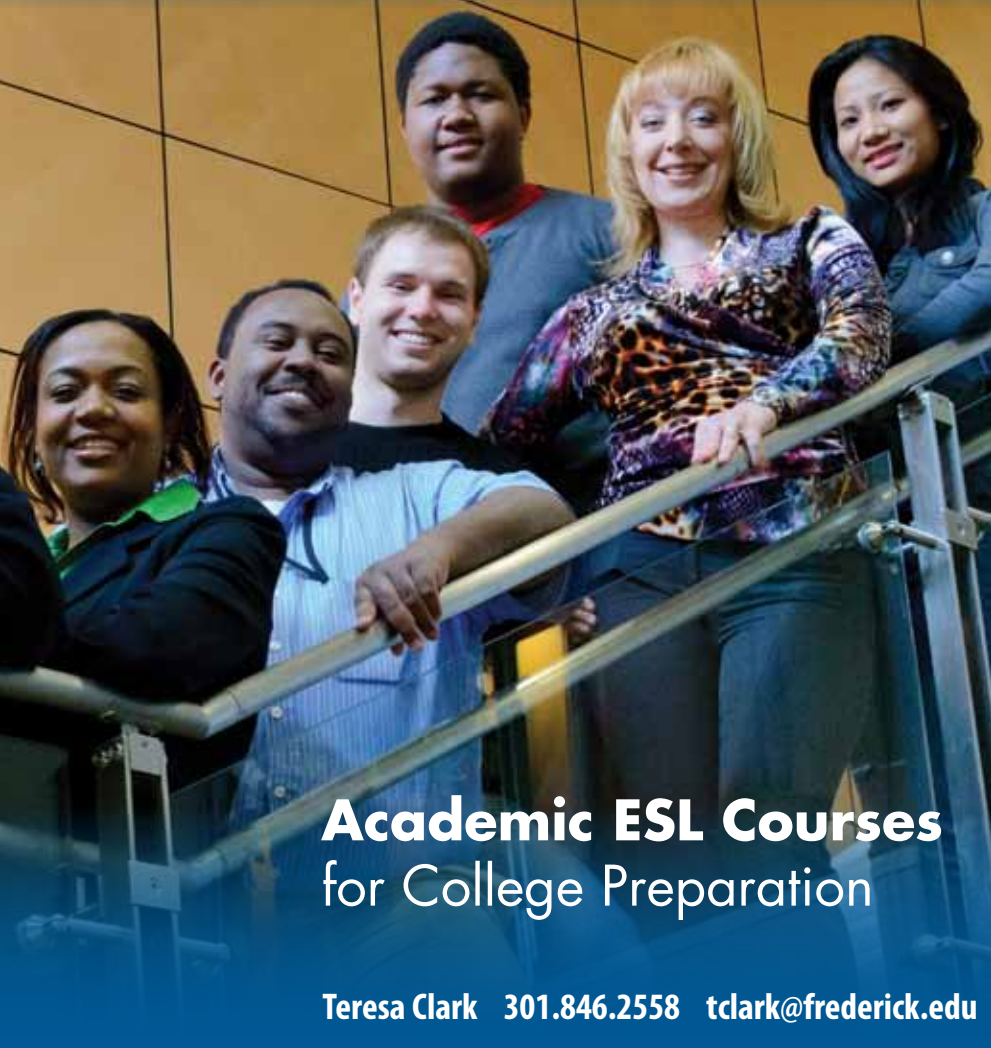




# Frederick Community College

## English as a Second Language (ESL)



**Academic ESL Courses**  
for College Preparation

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## **English as a Second Language (ESL) at FCC**

Frederick Community College offers a comprehensive, English as a Second Language (ESL) program for immigrants, international students and professionals who wish to improve their English language skills.

Whether you need to learn English for improving reading, writing, speaking, and pronunciation skills to continue your education or upgrade your professional communication qualifications, FCC offers courses to address your goals.

Placement in appropriate courses is determined by students' individual goals and levels of English language proficiency at the time of enrollment.

### **■ ESL Mission Statement**

The English as a Second Language (ESL) Program empowers students with the English language communication skills to help them achieve their goals.

### **■ Class Size**

The FCC academic (credit) ESL Program offers small classes, both on campus and online, with a 1:15 and 1:20 faculty to student ratio to meet student needs and maximize learning.

# Course Descriptions

## ■ Academic (credit) courses

Courses are designed for students whose native language is not English but who have some prior training in English. Academic (credit) courses focus on listening, speaking, pronunciation, reading, and writing skills. Courses are designed to prepare students for the rigors of college-level credit courses and to improve skills needed for professional situations and career advancement.

### ESL 92 • Oral Communication for ESL

*Prerequisite: ESL94 and ESL97 or placement on ESL Assessment*

Helps students practice and improve listening and speaking skills as needed for functioning successfully in academic, professional, and personal settings. Assesses students' oral skills and includes, as needed, practice with pronunciation, rhythm, stress, and intonation.

Provides exercises, practices, small and large group activities, and oral presentations to help students overcome problems in oral communication.

Placement is based upon students' performance on the college's ESL assessment or successful completion of ESL97: Low-Intermediate Reading and Writing for ESL.

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*"FCC's ESL program has made college possible for me. Professor Clark is sincerely interested in helping students reach their goals. I call her my American mom."*

*– Fungte Lian (Burma)*

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### ESL 93 • American English Pronunciation

*Prerequisite: ESL97 or placement on ESL Assessment*

Designed for students whose native language is not English and who wish to improve their pronunciation of standard American English. Includes a wide variety of instructional methods: lecture, independent work, small group work, and whole class instruction. Course content focuses on both segmental and super-segmental elements of pronunciation: English phonemes and patterns of stress and intonation.

### ESL 94 • English Grammar I for ESL

*Prerequisite: Placement on ESL Assessment*

Examines the basic elements of English grammar and usage with an emphasis on the fundamentals of the English sentence, including an in-depth study of the parts of speech and instruction in mechanics, punctuation, and usage. Students may take this course simultaneously with ESL 96, ESL 97, or any credit course for which they meet the prerequisites.

### ESL 95 • English Grammar II for ESL

*Prerequisite: ESL 97 or placement on ESL Assessment*

Builds upon sentence skills with a focus on English sentence structure and verb forms, including instruction in mechanics, punctuation, and usage. Students may take this course simultaneously with ESL 98 or any credit course for which they meet the prerequisites.

### ESL 96 • Beginning Reading and Writing for ESL

*Prerequisite: Placement on ESL Assessment*

Integrated instruction in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Emphasizes reading and writing everyday English, understanding spoken English, and increasing conversation ability. Likely to take more than one semester to complete. Students who successfully complete this course may enroll in ESL 97.

## ESL 97 • Low-Intermediate Reading and Writing for ESL

*Prerequisite: ESL 96 or placement on ESL Assessment*

Integrated instruction in listening, speaking, reading, and writing with emphasis on effective spoken and written language for subsequent ESL courses. Likely to take more than one semester to complete. Students who successfully complete this course may enroll in ESL 98.

## ESL 98 • High-Intermediate Reading and Writing for ESL

*Prerequisite: ESL 94 and ESL 97 or placement on ESL Assessment*

Integrated instruction in listening, speaking, reading, and writing with emphasis on academic writing for subsequent ESL courses. Likely to take more than one semester to complete. Students who successfully complete this course may enroll in ESL 99.

## ESL 99 • Advanced Reading and Writing for ESL

*Prerequisite: ESL 98 or placement on ESL Assessment*

Integrated instruction in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Likely to take more than one semester to complete. Students who successfully complete this course may enroll in EN101: English Composition.

## Admission and Registration for ESL Classes

1. Complete an admissions application in the Welcome Center on the first floor of the Enrollment Services Building or online at: [www.frederick.edu](http://www.frederick.edu).

*\* Please bring a photo ID for admission and registration. See the current catalog online at [www.frederick.edu](http://www.frederick.edu) for residency and tuition information.*

2. Take the ESL Placement Test in the FCC Testing Center

Library Building, Room L-104

Phone: 301.846.2522

*\*Be sure to bring a photo ID with you, and allow three hours for the test.*

3. Meet with Teresa S. Clark, Associate Professor/Program Manager for ESL, or a Counseling & Advising staff member.

Teresa S. Clark

Classroom/Student Center, Room H-227

Phone: 301.846.2558

Email: [tclark@frederick.edu](mailto:tclark@frederick.edu)

Counseling & Advising Office

Enrollment Services Building, Room J-201

Phone: 301.846.2471

Email: [emailadvising@frederick.edu](mailto:emailadvising@frederick.edu)

*\* Be sure to bring a copy of your test results with you.*

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*“The ESL program at FCC has provided me with the language skills necessary to pursue higher education. It has played a valuable role in my life, and it has opened the door to facilitate the pursuit of my dreams.”*  
– Aung Aung Min (Burma)

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4. Take your completed schedule to the Welcome Center in the Enrollment Services Building, J Building, to register for classes.
5. Pay for your classes at the Student Accounts office in the Enrollment Services Building, J-101.
6. Purchase books at the FCC Bookstore located in the Classroom/Student Center, H Building.



## International Students (F-1 visa)

FCC is authorized under federal law to enroll non-immigrant students. International students studying at FCC must be pursuing a full course of study toward an associate degree. Exceptions to this rule include students enrolled in any allied health program or students taking English as a Second Language classes. These students are not required to be taking a full course load in a degree program.

Applying for admission to FCC and getting your travel documents are two separate processes. Acceptance to the college is determined internally at FCC. Required travel documents are determined by the U.S. Federal Government. Both require certain documents to determine eligibility to legally enter the U.S. and to study at a U.S. college or university.

For a step-by-step process for admission to the college for students wanting to come to the U.S. from their home country and needing an I-20 (Certificate of Eligibility) form, please visit the FCC website [www.frederick.edu/enrollnow](http://www.frederick.edu/enrollnow) and click on the 'International F-1 Visa Student' link.

**Note:** Academic (credit) courses are offered on the FCC campus during fall, spring, and summer sessions. Register early before the start of each semester to ensure a seat in the class you want. Registration is possible through the first day of class, but only if spaces remain available.

Spring semester	Late January to mid-May	Register in Nov./Dec.
Fall semester	Late August to mid-December	Register in June/July
Summer semester	Early June to late July	Register in April/May

## Financial Aid

Enrollment Services Building, J-301

Phone: 301.846.2480

Email: [financialaid@frederick.edu](mailto:financialaid@frederick.edu)

FCC provides a tuition payment plan. Scholarships and loans are available for eligible students. In addition to general scholarships, the Multicultural Student Services ESL Scholarship is available to students majoring in a career program at FCC whose first language is not English. Applicants must have completed a FAFSA form. Students who meet the criteria complete a brief application available in the Multicultural Student Services office or the Counseling & Advising office. Awards are based on financial need and available scholarship funds.

## Faculty

Faculty members of the Frederick Community College (FCC) academic (credit) English as a Second Language Program (ESL) are professional educators dedicated to providing an outstanding language learning experience in a supportive environment. Faculty members hold graduate degrees in TESOL, English, linguistics and related fields and have extensive experience teaching English as a second language.

Faculty members have taught in other countries and have traveled abroad.

They are aware of the challenges and complexities of learning a second language and understand the variety of emotions students feel while living and studying in a foreign country. All faculty members enjoy learning about other cultures and strive to provide a positive and enriching learning environment. ESL faculty look forward to serving you.

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*“The ESL Program at FCC has helped me broaden my knowledge and my surroundings. It has also opened new doors and new opportunities for me. I had a strong positive influence from my ESL teachers to keep going in my studies.”*

*– Rosie Tarrillo (Peru)*

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**Information about the college and the ESL program is available on the FCC website: [www.frederick.edu](http://www.frederick.edu). Students can also check the course catalog for course times, tuition, and additional course offerings.**



## Additional Resources

FCC offers a number of resources and services to help students reach their goals and support their success.

### **Student Development Programs:**

#### **Counseling & Advising**

Enrollment Services Building,  
Room J-201  
Phone: 301.246.2471  
Email: emailadvising@frederick.edu

#### **Multicultural Student Services**

Classroom/Student Center, Room H-103  
Phone: 301.846.2531

#### **Office of Adult Services**

Administration Building, Room A-107  
Phone: 301.846.2483

#### **Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) Administration Building**

Administration Building, Room A-106A  
Phone: 301.846.2408  
TTD: 301.846.2625

### **Academic Support Services:**

#### **Career & Transfer Center**

Enrollment Services Building,  
Room J-201  
Phone: 301.846.2594  
Email: careerservices@frederick.edu

#### **CLEP Testing**

FCC Testing Center  
Library Building, Room L-104  
Phone: 301.846.2522

*\*Be sure to bring a photo ID with you*

#### **IT Student Help Desk**

Classroom/Student Center, Room H-214  
Computer Lab  
Phone: 301.846.2509  
Email: helpdesk@frederick.edu

#### **Tutorial Services**

Library Building, Room L-233A  
Phone: 301.846.2523  
Email: tup@frederick.edu

#### **Writing Center**

Library Building, Room L-106  
Phone: 301.846.2619  
Email: writingcoach@frederick.edu

### **Frederick Community College • April 2014**

The College prohibits discrimination against any person on the basis of race, religion, gender, color, national origin, ancestry, age, sexual orientation, marital status, physical or mental disability of otherwise qualified individuals and any other category protected by federal, state or local law. Frederick Community College subscribes to full access to all college facilities as outlined in the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and as amended. The designated coordinator for the college's compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and for the Americans with Disabilities Act is Kate Kramer-Jefferson, 301.846.2409.

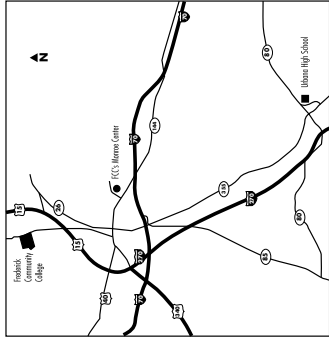
**Accommodation Statement** Frederick Community College makes every effort to accommodate individuals with disabilities. If you have accommodation needs, please call 301.846.2408. To request a sign language interpreter, please call 301.846.2476 (Voice). Requests for any accommodation should be made at least five working days prior to attending a scheduled event.

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# Frederick Community College Campus Map



**From Baltimore:** Follow I-70 west from Baltimore to Frederick. Take Route 15 north and exit at Motter Avenue. Turn right onto Motter/Opossumtown Pike. Travel one mile to college entrances on left.

**From Washington:** Follow I-270 west from Washington; stay to the left as I-270 turns into Route 15 north. Take Route 15 north and exit at Motter Avenue. Turn right onto Motter/Opossumtown Pike. Travel one mile to college entrances on left.

**From the west:** Follow I-70 east from Hagerstown. Take the first Frederick exit to Route 40. Follow Route 40 east to the Route 15 junction. Take a left at the light to merge onto Route 15 north. Exit at Motter Avenue. Turn right onto Motter/Opossumtown Pike. Travel one mile to college entrances on left.

**From the north:** Follow Route 15 south to Motter Avenue exit. Turn left onto Motter/Opossumtown Pike. Travel one mile to college entrances on left.



## Location Key

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| FCC/A—Administration Hall       | FCC/E—Conference Center               | FCC/L—Library Building  |
| FCC/B—Academic Hall             | FCC/F—Visual & Performing Arts Center | FCC/Con. Room—Conference Center   |
| FCC/C—Science & Technology Hall | FCC/H—Classroom/Student Center        | Visit <a href="http://www.frederick.edu">www.frederick.edu</a> for complete directions. |
| FCC/D—Field House               | FCC/J—Enrollment Services Building    |   |