

CREDIT ESL COURSE DESCRIPTIONS:

ESL 090 - ESL Introduction to Grammar (4 credits)

Introduces students to the systematic knowledge of basic English grammar connected in an American cultural context. The course provides learners with useful and meaningful skills to apply the beginning grammar necessary to communicate verbally and in writing. Thematic topics focus on the present, present continuous, past, and future tenses.

ESL 121 - ESL Grammar Concepts I (4 credits)

Intermediate-level English grammar course for students who have an elementary knowledge of English, but are weak in grammar. The course is a systematic study of English language structure. It covers English word order in basic sentence types while emphasizing verb forms from the simple present to the perfect tenses.

ESL 122 - ESL Grammar Concepts II (4 credits)

A more advanced-level English grammar course that prepares students to write English language paragraphs and essays. The course focuses on the higher verb tenses, the passive voice, noun and adjective clauses, as well as articles, prepositions, idiomatic expressions, modals, and other structures specific to English.

ESL 123 - ESL Grammar Concepts III (4 credits)

The highest-level English grammar course designed for students at the ESL exit level. Study involves advanced structures including gerunds and infinitives, modifying clauses, the subjunctive mood, and other fine points of grammar specific to idiomatic English.

ESL 103 – Speech Concepts I (3 credits)

Introductory speech course for beginning level students who want to improve their conversational skills. Students practice conversational English by discussing topics that are part of everyday conversations in American culture. Students also learn American idioms and a variety of common vocabulary words.

ESL 104 - ESL Advanced Speech II (4 credits)

Advanced ESL pronunciation course for students who already are conversational in English, but who need to improve their pronunciation skills. Students practice vowel, consonant and diphthong sounds, and study the use of stress in words and sentences for correct pronunciation as well as for meaning.

ESL 133 - ESL Writing Concepts I (4 credits)

The course is an introduction to writing through the construction of basic English sentences. The guided exercises are designed to teach sentence patterns while building vocabulary in selected topic areas.

ESL 134 - ESL Writing Concepts II (4 credits)

The course emphasizes sentence patterns, sentence sequences, and the development of a paragraph. The student learns to correct errors in grammar and punctuation and to produce standard English sentences which support a topic.

ESL135 - ESL Writing Concepts III (4 credits)

The course stresses spontaneous, fluent, idiomatic writing. It includes practice in various forms of writing, from personal to more formal, using various source materials ranging from magazines to works of fiction. Students who successfully complete this course qualify to enroll in ENG 101(English Composition I).

ESL 140 - ESL Intermediate Critical Reading I (4 credits)

The course is intended for students who are enrolling in college courses that require sophisticated reading skills and critical thinking. It focuses on fiction and nonfiction readings, vocabulary retention, inference, research techniques, test-taking strategies, and critical analysis.

ESL 141 - ESL Advanced Critical Reading II (4 credits)

The course is designed for second-language acquisition students who will be enrolling in college-level courses that require refined reading skills and critical thinking/analysis abilities. It focuses on fiction and nonfiction readings with stress on developing meaning from text and deconstructing text through analysis and understanding of vocabulary.

NON-CREDIT ESL COURSES

NON-CREDIT ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE (ELI)

Designed for people with beginner level English skills, who may not be interested in preparing for a degree program, or may not be literate in their native language.

Sessions start every January, April, July, and October. Each session is four months long. Classes are offered Monday through Friday in the mornings or Monday through Thursday in the evenings.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR NON CREDIT ELI COURSES:

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CREDIT English as Second Language courses

Designed for people with intermediate level English skills, who are interested in improving their English conversation, pronunciation, grammar, writing, reading, and critical thinking skills.

ESL students include area residents who have graduated from area high schools and are now taking advantage of Mercer's program to achieve individual, vocational, academic or personal goals. Other students are non-citizens who are working to improve their English language skills in preparation for a college degree at Mercer or elsewhere. Some students attend classes on a full-time basis during the day or evening. Other students, especially employees of local businesses, attend classes part-time, either after or before work.

The credit ESL program is offered at both The West Windsor and James Kerney Campuses. The average ESL class size is 20 students to guarantee students a supportive learning environment. The classes follow the traditional 15 week or 10 week sessions during Fall and Spring semesters, or shorter summer sessions. At the beginning of each semester, the ESL coordinator or advisors assist students in registering for the correct courses.

Tuition is based on the number of credits taken. Most classes are four credits each. Payment plans are available. Financial Aid may be available depending on eligibility.

All of Mercer's ESL students share a common goal – to strengthen their English language skills to the fullest extent possible.

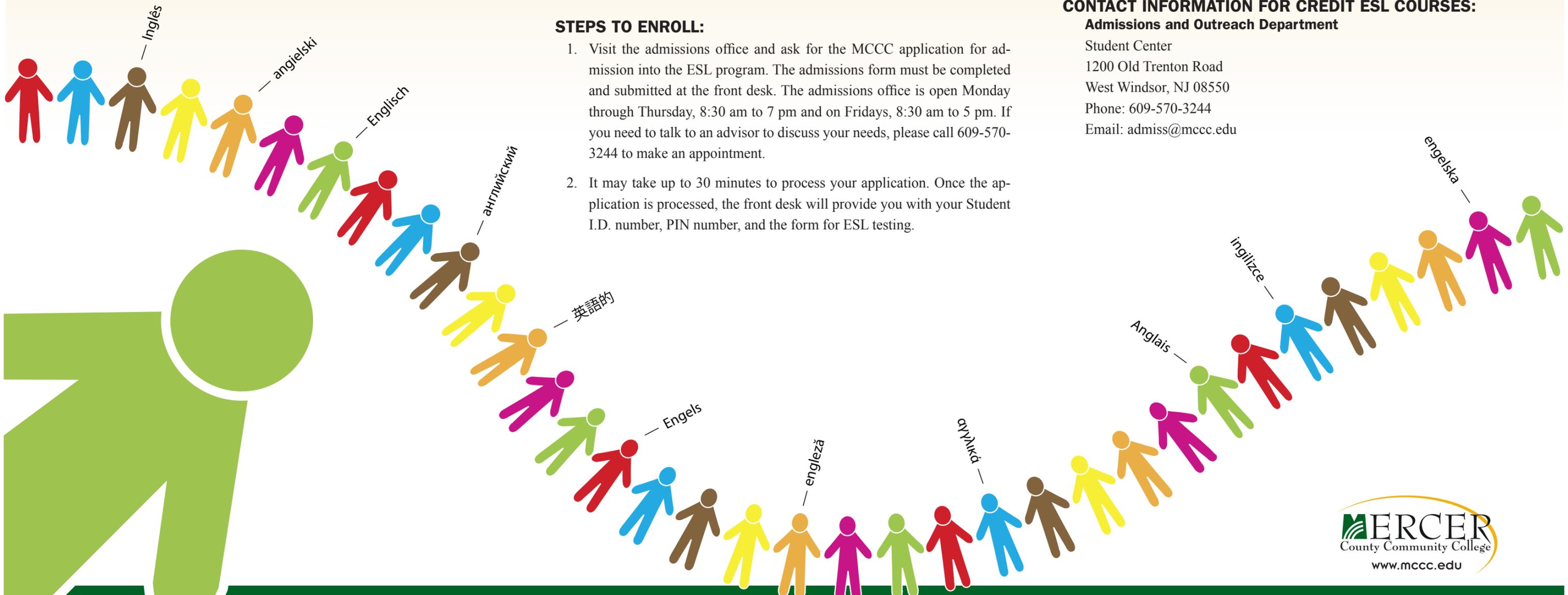
STEPS TO ENROLL:

1. Visit the admissions office and ask for the MCCC application for admission into the ESL program. The admissions form must be completed and submitted at the front desk. The admissions office is open Monday through Thursday, 8:30 am to 7 pm and on Fridays, 8:30 am to 5 pm. If you need to talk to an advisor to discuss your needs, please call 609-570-3244 to make an appointment.
2. It may take up to 30 minutes to process your application. Once the application is processed, the front desk will provide you with your Student I.D. number, PIN number, and the form for ESL testing.

3. Go to the Testing Center along with your Student I.D. number and a picture I.D. to take the free ESL placement test. The test is approximately one hour long.
4. Test scores are usually available immediately. You will bring the test scores back to the Admissions Office and meet with an advisor for placement into the correct level of ESL classes based on your scores.
5. You will be given the class schedule and term bill. Classes may be paid for in full or through a payment plan. MCCC accepts credit cards, personal checks, and cash. To enroll in the payment plan, contact the admissions office.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR CREDIT ESL COURSES: Admissions and Outreach Department

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ESL students enrich the cultural diversity of MCCC by adding an international dimension to campus life.