

English Language Aquisition (ELA) Courses

These courses are intended for students pursuing a Kirkwood degree, but needing further English instruction and preparation prior to taking college level courses.

You will take five classes at each ELA level and gain proficiency in the following areas:

- Academic Writing
- Pronunciation
- Research Skills
- Conversation Fluency
- Grammar
- Listening & Note Taking
- Computer Literacy
- Reading & Vocabulary Development
- American Cultural Skills
- Presentation Skills

Kirkwood offers the following courses in ELA. While ELA courses do not transfer to other colleges and universities, four of the Level 5 bridge classes, which count as 12 elective credits, and the Kirkwood speech requirement, are transferable.

Level 1

ESI-007	L1 Listening and Conversation	3
ESI-010	L1 Phonetics and Pronunciation	3
ESI-006	L1 Reading and Vocabulary	3
ESI-011	L1 Grammar	4
ESI-014	L1 Writing	2

15 credits

Level 2

ESI-019	L2 Listening Skills and Conversation	3
ESI-021	L2 Phonetics and Pronunciation	3
ESI-023	L2 Reading and Vocabulary	3
ESI-018	L2 Grammar	4
ESI-016	L2 Writing	2

15 credits

Level 3

ESI-039	L3 Listening Skills, Conversation and Culture	3
ESI-040	L3 Phonetics and Pronunciation	3
ESI-042	L3 Reading and Vocabulary	3
ESI-038	L3 Grammar	4
ESI-037	L3 Writing	2

15 credits

Level 4

ESI-062	L4 Culture and Conversation	3
*ESI-069	L4 Presentations	3
ESI-068	L4 Reading and Vocabulary	3
ESI-064	L4 Grammar	3
ESI-063	L4 Writing	3

15 credits

Level 5

ESI-090	L5 Culture and Conversation	3
SPC-112	Introduction to Public Speaking OR	
SPC-101	Fundamentals of Oral Communication	3
RDG-130	Effective Reading Strategies	3
ENG-101	Elements of Writing	3
ENG-150	Fundamentals of English Grammar	3

15 credits

Level 5 Bridge Classes

Level 5 ELA Students take five classes. Of these classes, four are bridge classes. These classes are taught in the same way as other credit courses, which allows students to practice their new skills and gauge their capacity for success after leaving ELA coursework.



If you wish to improve your English language skills for other educational purposes, work use or social settings, Kirkwood has non-credit options. Please call 319-887-3646 for information about Iowa City courses and 319-784-1510 for Cedar Rapids courses.