

EXAMINATION OF ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (EESL)

Graduate students for whom English is a second language may be required to take the EESL. Your admission letter will indicate if EESL is required. Depending on your score on the EESL, you may be required to take one or two semesters of English classes, or you may have no additional English class requirements. Students who have met the CSULB Graduate Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR) are exempt from EESL requirements.

Fulfilling the TOEFL requirements does NOT fulfill the EESL requirements. The EESL measures English proficiency by University standards and demonstrates whether students have the skills necessary to succeed in university coursework and complete the GWAR. The TOEFL is used to admit you to CSULB while EESL is used to place you in the proper level of study at CSULB. Even if you have taken the TOEFL, you must take the EESL.

Fall Semester 2006 EESL Schedule

<u>August 16th Test Date</u>	<u>August 23rd Test Date</u>
Time: 8:30 am	Time: 1:30 pm
Location: CBA 140	Location: CBA 140
Schedule #: 3037	Schedule #: 3038

What to do:

1. Select a test date.
2. Register for the test at the University College & Extension Services (UCES) Registration Window, outside the Foundation Building at the ground level, west end, (there is a test fee of \$19).
3. Bring proof of EESL registration to the Center for International Education (CIE). Note: students will not be able to register for classes until proof of EESL registration is presented to the CIE.
4. Take the EESL. Bring a photo ID to the testing location. Note: If you cannot take the test on the day you reserved, notify the American Language Institute (ALI) at (562) 985-8424 at least 24 hours in advance to avoid paying the test fee again.
5. Obtain EESL results from the ALI the day following the test. Test results will indicate if you are required to take any additional English classes. Please see the reverse side of this page for information on EESL placement requirements.
6. Register for the required English class.

Preparation:

The exam was designed by CSULB faculty--there are no special study guides or review materials to help you prepare for the exam.

The exam has 3 parts: an essay, a reading test and a grammar test. It takes 3 hours.

The EESL may only be taken once, so you should try to do your best.

EESL and Placement Results

The American Language Institute (ALI) and the American Language Program (ALP) offer writing courses 145 and 150. Each course is 3 credits and meets 3 hours per week. These courses are sequential: students who are placed into 145 this semester, must successfully complete 150 in the next semester. Course descriptions can be found in the CSULB Catalog. Credit units count toward maintaining full-time status for F-1 student at CSULB. Courses can be taken CR/NC. The courses are designed to improve academic writing, and are useful for preparation to complete the CSULB Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR).

The Center for International Education will monitor all students who must comply with EESL placement requirements. **A student who fails to comply with the EESL requirement will not be permitted to register for future semesters.** However, a student who satisfies the CSULB Graduate Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR) prior to completion of the EESL requirement will be deemed to have completed the EESL requirement and all EESL-related holds will be removed from the student's record.

Placement and Status

Generally, placement in ALI 145/150 or ALP 145/150 is determined by the EESL score and the residency status of the student. For international students and domestic non-resident students, the ALI courses will cost significantly less than the ALP courses. For California residents, the ALP courses will cost less.

<u>International Students and Non-Resident Domestic Students</u>		
EESL Score	Placement Requirement First Semester	Placement Requirement Second Semester
500 and below	ALI 145	ALI 150
501 - 550	ALI 150	None
551 and above	None	None

<u>California Residents</u>		
EESL Score	Placement Requirement First Semester	Placement Requirement Second Semester
500 and below	ALP 145	ALP 150
501 – 550	ALP 150	None
551 and above	None	None

ALI and ALP Enrollment Procedures

ALI and ALP courses appear in the CSULB Schedule of Classes. Students enroll in these classes using my.csulb or the IVR system.