



Basic Course Information

Semester:	Spring 2026	Instructor Name:	Michelle Lara
Course Title & #:	ESL 824 Beginning ESL 1	Email:	michelle.lara@imperial.edu
CRN #:	22204	Webpage (optional):	TBA
Classroom:	Seeley	Office #:	TBA
Class Dates:	Feb. 23 - April 5, 2026	Office Hours:	TBA
Class Days:	Monday and Wednesday	Office Phone #:	TBA
Class Times:	3-5p.m.	Emergency Contact:	DR. SYDNEY RICE
Units:	0	Class Format/Modality:	FACE-TO-FACE

Course Description

A short-term intensive course in survival English for speakers with little or no oral or written English competency. Mainly for learners whose main interest is to learn a level of English that will allow them to marginally function in the U.S. culture. It will teach students the rudiments of English, utilizing such methods as repetitive drills (TPR), songs, dialog repetition, etc.

(Nontransferable, non-degree applicable)

Course Core:

- 1. Development of oral repetitive skills*
- 2. Development of identification skills*
- 3. Development of writing process*
- 4. Development of vocabulary*
- 5. Develop listening and recognition skills*

Course Prerequisite(s) and/or Corequisite(s)

None.

Textbooks & Other Resources or Links

No textbook required. Instructor handouts will be provided if needed.

Course Objectives

Upon satisfactory completion of the course, students will be able to:

- 1. Complete introductions, greetings, and partings*
- 2. Give personal information (name, gender, age, marital status, address, etc.)*
- 3. Identify colors*
- 4. Identify different times of day, tell time (both analog and digital), write the time by the hour and half hour, use appropriate greetings for the times of day, recognize days of the week, months, year, and date*
- 5. Identify numbers*
- 6. Use basic shopping terms to inquire about a product, purchase a product, and return a product, as well as identify certain information about a label or pricing*
- 7. Identify family members, relationship terms, etc.*
- 8. Identify body parts, simple health issues (headache, stomach, chest pain, etc)*

Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

Instructional Methods:

Audio Visual
Computer Assisted Instruction
Demonstration
Discussion
Group Activity
Lecture
Distance Learning



Assignments:

Out-of-class: Communicate in English with community members. For example: use English when speaking with others at stores, banks, and schools.

Reading and Writing: Review class material in preparation for next class meeting.

Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

Pass and No Pass Only

Academic Honesty (Artificial Intelligence -AI)

IVC values critical thinking and communication skills and considers academic integrity essential to learning. Using AI tools as a replacement for your own thinking, writing, or quantitative reasoning goes against both our mission and academic honesty policy and will be considered academic dishonesty, or plagiarism unless you

have been instructed to do so by your instructor. In case of any uncertainty regarding the ethical use of AI tools, students are encouraged to reach out to their instructors for clarification.

Attendance: A student who fails to attend the first meeting of a class or does not complete the first mandatory activity of an online class will be dropped as of the first official meeting of that class. Regular attendance is required of all students. Three unexcused absences will result in student being dropped from class.

Accessibility Statement

Imperial Valley College is committed to providing an accessible learning experience for all students, regardless of course modality. Every effort has been made to ensure that this course complies with all state and federal accessibility regulations, including Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations. However, if you encounter any content that is not accessible, please contact your instructor or the area dean for assistance. If you have specific accommodations through **DSPS**, contact them for additional assistance. We are here to support you and ensure that you have equal access to all course materials.

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Anticipated Class Schedule/Calendar

Date or Week	Activity, Assignment, and/or Topic	Pages/ Due Dates/Tests
Week 1	Introductions Greetings	
Week 2	Personal Information	
Week 3	Time	
Week 4	Numbers	
Week 5	Shopping	
Week 6	Family and Friends	
Week 7	Health Body parts	

Subject to change without prior notice

