

# ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE: BEGINNING (NONCREDIT), CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY

The Certificate of Competency in English as a Second Language: Beginning prepares beginning ESL students with the listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills they need to transition to postsecondary education, the workforce, or any other vocational career they choose. Students who complete these noncredit courses will be granted a certificate that will enhance their employability and provide value to employers. Students attaining this certificate will be ready to begin study toward the English as a Second Language: Intermediate Certificate of Competency and then to enter the credit ESL program and continue into an educational pathway leading to a degree or certificate in the career of their choice. There are no prerequisites or enrollment limitations.

The course requirements for the Certificate of Competency in English as a Second Language: Beginning include the following noncredit courses.

Course ID	Title	Units/Hours
ESL N100A	Beginning Noncredit ESL	87.5
ESL N100B	High-Beginning Noncredit ESL	87.5
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>175</b>

English as a Second Language: Beginning Certificate of Competency sample plan of study

Year 1		
Fall Semester		Units/Hours
ESL N100A	Beginning Noncredit ESL	87.5
	<b>Units/Hours</b>	<b>87.5</b>
Spring Semester		
ESL N100B	High-Beginning Noncredit ESL	87.5
	<b>Units/Hours</b>	<b>87.5</b>
	<b>Total Units/Hours</b>	<b>175</b>

Ventura College also offers the required courses in a short-term format; students electing this option may complete this certificate in a single semester, as illustrated in the table below:

English as a Second Language: Beginning Certificate of Competency sample plan of study (short-term option)

Year 1		
Fall Semester		Units/Hours
ESL N100A	Beginning Noncredit ESL (first 9 weeks)	87.5
ESL N100B	High-Beginning Noncredit ESL (second 9 weeks)	87.5
	<b>Units/Hours</b>	<b>175</b>
	<b>Total Units/Hours</b>	<b>175</b>

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- PSLO-1: Engage in and initiate conversations with native speakers.
- PSLO-2: Read, understand, and discuss beginning-level texts.
- PSLO-3: Write sentences and basic paragraphs relating to real-world contexts.