

# AMERICAN LANGUAGE INSTITUTE (DESL1-UC)

## DESL1-UC 2015 ESL Reading and Writing for Academic Purposes 5 (0 Credits)

*Typically offered occasionally*

In this class you will focus on reading and writing for academic purposes. You will read from news articles, op-eds, essays, and excerpts from textbooks in different areas of study and study paragraph structure, development, and organization, as well as essay structure. You will work on multiple drafts to improve your ability to edit your own writing and organize your ideas. By the end of the course, you will be able to write a 5 paragraph essay.

**Grading:** UC SPS Pass/Fail

**Repeatable for additional credit:** Yes

## DESL1-UC 2016 ESL Reading and Writing for Academic Purposes 6 (0 Credits)

*Typically offered occasionally*

In this class, you will focus on reading and writing for academic purposes. You will read from news articles, op-eds, essays, and excerpts from textbooks in different areas of study, focusing on how evidence is organized. You will study complex sentence structures and write detailed paragraphs. Also, you will study the essay forms for argumentation, narration, and description. By the end of the course, you will be able to write both summaries and complete essays based on readings.

**Grading:** UC SPS Pass/Fail

**Repeatable for additional credit:** Yes

## DESL1-UC 2017 ESL Reading and Writing for Academic Purposes 7 (0 Credits)

*Typically offered occasionally*

In this class, you will focus on reading and writing for academic purposes. You will read from news articles, op-eds, essays, and excerpts from textbooks in different areas of study to understand what different texts may say on the same topic focusing on evidence and why the text was written. You will also study essay types such as summary/response, persuasive, and compare/contrast. By the end of the course, you will be able to determine an author's purpose and tone, understand both stated and implied meaning, and write essays using the essay types indicated above.

**Grading:** UC SPS Pass/Fail

**Repeatable for additional credit:** Yes

## DESL1-UC 2018 ESL Reading and Writing for Academic Purposes 8 (0 Credits)

*Typically offered occasionally*

In this class, you will focus on reading and writing for academic purposes. You will read from news articles, op-eds, essays, and excerpts from textbooks in different areas of study to be able to interpret why a text describes a topic in a certain way and why certain evidence is used. You will study editing strategies while writing multiple drafts of essays in different genres. By the end of the course, you will be able to interpret a text based on the author's choice of content, language, and structure. Additionally, you will be able to write cause & effect and solution essays.

**Grading:** UC SPS Pass/Fail

**Repeatable for additional credit:** Yes

## DESL1-UC 2025 ESL Listening and Speaking for Academic Purposes 5 (0 Credits)

*Typically offered occasionally*

In this class, you will focus on listening and speaking for academic purposes. You will listen to authentic material such as news reports and various types of presentations and discuss them. You will participate in structured and unstructured class discussions. By the end of the course, you will be able to understand a description or explanation on a concrete topic. Additionally, you will be able to convey a description or explanation and state an opinion providing specific reasons. Finally, you will begin to recognize and correct errors in your own speaking.

**Grading:** UC SPS Pass/Fail

**Repeatable for additional credit:** Yes

## DESL1-UC 2026 ESL Listening and Speaking Workshop 6 (0 Credits)

*Typically offered occasionally*

In this class, students practice speaking and presenting arguments and information in an academic context. You will analyze native speaker dialogues and mark stress patterns to identify how effective speakers stress key words for maximum effect when using a public voice. You will use pronunciation skills acquired in earlier classes to present dialogues naturally. You will prepare, record, and give feedback on academic presentations. By the end of the course, you will be able to better understand and be understood by American speakers, and be ready to function effectively in both academic and non-academic contexts.

**Grading:** UC SPS Pass/Fail

**Repeatable for additional credit:** Yes

## DESL1-UC 2027 ESL Listening and Speaking for Academic Purposes 7 (0 Credits)

*Typically offered occasionally*

In this course, you will focus on developing the speaking and listening skills necessary to participate in a university classroom setting or in other situations requiring formal or professional English language skills. You will focus on classroom language fluency and pronunciation accuracy. You will work on pronunciation exercises and listening practice and take part in both formal and informal discussions. Additionally, you will be able to give individual and group presentations of various lengths, as well as participate in debates. By the end of the course, you will be able to speak comfortably aloud, express your opinions in an American classroom, and develop strategies for reacting to a text aloud.

**Grading:** UC SPS Pass/Fail

**Repeatable for additional credit:** Yes

## DESL1-UC 2028 ESL Listening and Speaking for Academic Purposes 8 (0 Credits)

*Typically offered occasionally*

In this course, you will focus on developing the speaking and listening skills necessary to participate in a university classroom setting or in other situations requiring formal or professional English language skills. You will work with a variety of materials to summarize, discuss, and analyze information presented. You will make presentations, which will receive peer feedback as well as instructor comments. By the end of the course, you will be able to offer opinions as well as respond to the opinions of others. You will also learn to see both sides of an argument and to take a stand and support a position. Finally, you will improve stress and intonation, learn to interpret underlying messages, and organize, develop and critique presentations

**Grading:** UC SPS Pass/Fail

**Repeatable for additional credit:** Yes

**DESL1-UC 2035 ESL Listening and Speaking Workshop 5 (0 Credits)***Typically offered occasionally*

In this class, students learn to recognize how Americans use intonation and stress to add meaning to a message. You will listen to native speaker dialogues and analyze how the tone of voice reinforces or contradicts what the speaker is saying. You will also examine the difference between formal and informal vocabulary choice. You will listen to recordings of short speeches you make and analyze where and how you need to correct your pronunciation. By the end of the course, you will be able to recognize how important it is to listen to how a message is presented as well as the message itself.

**Grading:** UC SPS Pass/Fail**Repeatable for additional credit:** Yes**DESL1-UC 2036 ESL Listening and Speaking Workshop 6 (0 Credits)***Typically offered occasionally*

In this class, students practice speaking and presenting arguments and information in an academic context. You will analyze native speaker dialogues and mark stress patterns to identify how effective speakers stress key words for maximum effect when using a public voice. You will use pronunciation skills acquired in earlier classes to present dialogues naturally. You will prepare, record, and give feedback on academic presentations. By the end of the course, you will be able to better understand and be understood by American speakers, and be ready to function effectively in both academic and non-academic contexts.

**Grading:** UC SPS Pass/Fail**Repeatable for additional credit:** Yes**DESL1-UC 2045 ESL Reading and Writing Workshop 5 (0 Credits)***Typically offered occasionally*

In this class, you will focus on grammatical accuracy in both writing and speaking. You will study complex grammatical structures which will allow you to engage in discussions on academic themes. You will receive extensive individualized feedback on your errors and learn methods for self-correcting. By the end of this course, you will have gained confidence in your mastery of grammar and will be able to write essays with improved accuracy.

**Grading:** UC SPS Pass/Fail**Repeatable for additional credit:** Yes**DESL1-UC 2046 ESL Reading and Writing Workshop 6 (0 Credits)***Typically offered occasionally*

In this class, you will focus on grammatical accuracy in both writing and speaking. You will study complex grammatical structures from academic texts. You will receive individualized feedback from your instructor and learn to self-correct. By the end of the course, you will have the grammatical tools needed for extended conversations and discussions and in longer academic and personal writing.

**Grading:** UC SPS Pass/Fail**Repeatable for additional credit:** Yes**DESL1-UC 2047 Mastering English Pronunciation (2 Credits)**

Clear and confident speech is critical for success in academic, professional, and social settings. This course is for international students whose first language is not English who wish to improve their pronunciation. It provides the tools for improving oral skills, like enunciation, projection, pacing, and pausing. It explores strategies to help students participate in discussions and deliver presentations. This course develops speaking and listening skills, emphasizing both phonemic accuracy and conversational fluency in spoken English.

**Grading:** UC SPS Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No**DESL1-UC 2057 ESL Writing-Focused Integrated Skills for Academic Purposes 7 (0 Credits)***Typically offered occasionally*

This class is for NYU undergraduates who are studying part-time in their degree programs and part-time in ESL courses. This is an integrated skills course with a focus on reading and writing for academic purposes. You will read from news articles, op-eds, essays, and excerpts from textbooks in different areas of study to understand what different texts may say on the same topic focusing on evidence and why the text was written. You will also study essay types such as summary/response, persuasive, and compare/contrast. By the end of the course, you will be able to determine an author's purpose and tone, understand both stated and implied meaning, and write essays using the essay types indicated above. You will also work on pronunciation exercises and listening practice and take part in both formal and informal discussions. By the end of the course, you will be able to speak comfortably aloud, express your opinions in an American classroom, and develop strategies for reacting to a text aloud.

**Grading:** UC SPS Pass/Fail**Repeatable for additional credit:** Yes**DESL1-UC 2058 ESL Writing-Focused Integrated Skills for Academic Purposes 8 (0 Credits)***Typically offered occasionally*

This class is for NYU undergraduates who are studying part-time in their degree programs and part-time in ESL courses. This is an integrated skills course with a focus on reading and writing for academic purposes. You will read from news articles, op-eds, essays, and excerpts from textbooks in different areas of study to be able to interpret why a text describes a topic in a certain way and why certain evidence is used. You will study editing strategies while writing multiple drafts of essays in different genres. By the end of the course, you will be able to interpret a text based on the author's choice of content, language, and structure. Additionally, you will be able to write cause & effect and solution essays. You will also practice your listening and speaking skills so that you will be able to offer opinions as well as respond to the opinions of others. You will learn to recognize both sides of an argument and to take a stand and support a position.

**Grading:** UC SPS Pass/Fail**Repeatable for additional credit:** Yes**DESL1-UC 2316 ESL Reading and Writing for Liberal Studies 6 (0 Credits)***Typically offered occasionally*

In this class, you will focus on reading and writing for academic purposes. You will read from news articles, op-eds, essays, and excerpts from textbooks in different areas of study, focusing on how evidence is organized. You will study complex sentence structures and write detailed paragraphs. Also, you will study the essay forms for argumentation, narration, and description. By the end of the course, you will be able to write both summaries and complete essays based on readings.

**Grading:** UC SPS Pass/Fail**Repeatable for additional credit:** Yes

**DESL1-UC 2357 ESL Integrated Skills for Liberal Studies 7 (0 Credits)***Typically offered occasionally*

This class will focus on reading, writing, speaking and listening for academic purposes and is designed to provide advanced English support to students who are enrolled in degree programs full-time. Students will work with authentic sources and receive individualized feedback on accuracy, pronunciation, and both productive and receptive language skills.

**Grading:** UC SPS Pass/Fail**Repeatable for additional credit:** Yes**DESL1-UC 2358 ESL Integrated Skills for Liberal Studies 8 (0 Credits)***Typically offered occasionally*

This class will focus on reading, writing, speaking and listening for academic purposes and is designed to provide our most advanced English support to students who are enrolled in degree programs full-time. Students will work with authentic sources and receive individualized feedback on accuracy, pronunciation, and both productive and receptive language skills.

**Grading:** UC SPS Pass/Fail**Repeatable for additional credit:** Yes**DESL1-UC 6784 ALI Summer Academy (0 Credits)***Typically offered occasionally*

An intensive academic English preparatory program for conditionally-admitted NYU undergraduates. Advisor approval required.

**Grading:** UC SPS Pass/Fail**Repeatable for additional credit:** No**DESL1-UC 9014 ESL Reading and Writing 4 (0 Credits)***Typically offered occasionally*

This intermediate reading and writing course is designed for students who have completed ESL Reading and Writing III.

**Grading:** UC SPS Pass/Fail**Repeatable for additional credit:** Yes**DESL1-UC 9015 ESL Reading and Writing 5 (0 Credits)***Typically offered occasionally*

This intermediate reading and writing course is designed for students who have completed ESL Reading and Writing IV.

**Grading:** UC SPS Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** Yes**DESL1-UC 9016 ESL Reading and Writing 6 (0 Credits)***Typically offered occasionally*

This intermediate ESL reading and writing course is designed for students who have completed ESL Reading and Writing V.

**Grading:** UC SPS Pass/Fail**Repeatable for additional credit:** Yes**DESL1-UC 9024 ESL Listening and Speaking 4 (0 Credits)***Typically offered occasionally*

This intermediate listening and speaking course is designed for students who have completed ESL Listening and Speaking III

**Grading:** UC SPS Pass/Fail**Repeatable for additional credit:** Yes**DESL1-UC 9025 ESL Listening and Speaking 5 (0 Credits)***Typically offered occasionally*

This intermediate listening and speaking course is designed for students who have completed ESL Listening and Speaking IV.

**Grading:** UC SPS Pass/Fail**Repeatable for additional credit:** Yes**DESL1-UC 9026 ESL Listening and Speaking 6 (0 Credits)***Typically offered occasionally*

This intermediate listening and speaking course is designed for students who have completed ESL Listening and Speaking V.

**Grading:** UC SPS Pass/Fail**Repeatable for additional credit:** Yes**DESL1-UC 9034 ESL Skills 4 (0 Credits)***Typically offered occasionally*

This intermediate reading, writing, listening, and speaking course is designed for students who have completed ESL Skills III.

**Grading:** UC SPS Pass/Fail**Repeatable for additional credit:** Yes**DESL1-UC 9035 ESL Skills 5 (0 Credits)***Typically offered occasionally*

This intermediate reading, writing, listening, and speaking course is designed for students who have completed ESL Skills IV

**Grading:** UC SPS Pass/Fail**Repeatable for additional credit:** Yes**DESL1-UC 9036 ESL Skills 6 (0 Credits)***Typically offered occasionally*

This intermediate reading, writing, listening, and speaking course is designed for students who have completed ESL Skills V.

**Grading:** UC SPS Pass/Fail**Repeatable for additional credit:** Yes**DESL1-UC 9044 ESL Topics 4 (0 Credits)***Typically offered occasionally*

This intermediate course expands upon the topics and themes covered in ESL Topics III.

**Grading:** UC SPS Pass/Fail**Repeatable for additional credit:** Yes**DESL1-UC 9045 ESL Topics 5 (0 Credits)***Typically offered occasionally*

This intermediate course expands upon the topics and themes covered in ESL Topics IV.

**Grading:** UC SPS Pass/Fail**Repeatable for additional credit:** Yes**DESL1-UC 9046 ESL Topics 6 (0 Credits)***Typically offered occasionally*

This intermediate course expands upon the topics and themes covered in ESL Topics V.

**Grading:** UC SPS Pass/Fail**Repeatable for additional credit:** Yes**DESL1-UC 9274 Critical Thinking and Persuasive Writing (0 Credits)***Typically offered occasionally*

Distance Learning course for students in Abu Dhabi. Consult an advisor before registering.

**Grading:** UC SPS Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

**DESL1-UC 9450 Fndmntl/American English I (0 Credits)***Typically offered occasionally*

This course is for students who may be comfortable speaking English but who need to master the basics of grammar and usage in order to become more accurate and, in turn, more confident in both professional and personal settings. Class activities include grammar drills, vocabulary development, and discussions of current affairs. Students receive intensive individual feedback and correction with homework serving as reinforcement for those areas most needing attention.

**Grading:** UC SPS Pass/Fail**Repeatable for additional credit:** No**DESL1-UC 9460 Fndmntl/American English II (0 Credits)***Typically offered occasionally*

This course is for students who may be comfortable writing and speaking English but who want to master more advanced rules of grammar and usage. Students expand their vocabulary to develop a broad general competence in the language. They learn strategies to increase the accuracy, range, and complexity of their oral and written communication by exploring how the language is used in various contexts and by eliminating individual areas of weakness.

**Grading:** UC SPS Pass/Fail**Repeatable for additional credit:** No**DESL1-UC 9471 Accent Correction I (0 Credits)***Typically offered occasionally*

Designed for students with heavy accents, this course identifies individual pronunciation trouble spots and devises strategies for achieving more natural-sounding articulation and flow. Class activities include enunciation drills, dialogues, discussion,

**Grading:** UC SPS Pass/Fail**Repeatable for additional credit:** Yes**DESL1-UC 9473 Grammar Review I (0 Credits)***Typically offered occasionally*

This course is for students who may be comfortable speaking and writing English but who do not yet have a command of grammar and usage. Students work on mastering grammar fundamentals to avoid misunderstandings and ultimately make headway in achieving their academic and professional goals. In addition to drills for reinforcement, the class focuses on grammar in context, with students receiving individualized correction on weekly written assignments

**Grading:** UC SPS Pass/Fail**Repeatable for additional credit:** Yes**DESL1-UC 9478 Speaking Clearly & Correctly I (0 Credits)***Typically offered occasionally*

This class is designed for students who are uncomfortable speaking English in both professional and casual settings. The course helps students speak more fluently and accurately, develop their listening skills and comprehension, and improve their self-confidence. Activities include discussions, presentations, and role-plays. Students work on volume, pacing of speech, correct grammar and word choices, as well as posture and body language, all while receiving intensive individualized attention.

**Grading:** UC SPS Pass/Fail**Repeatable for additional credit:** Yes**DESL1-UC 9481 Accent Correction II (0 Credits)***Typically offered occasionally*

Designed for students with medium accents, this course examines special techniques for articulating syllables, words, and sentences more clearly and accurately. Students work on appropriate voice projection, intonation, proper sentence rhythm,

**Grading:** UC SPS Pass/Fail**Repeatable for additional credit:** Yes**DESL1-UC 9483 Grammar Review II (0 Credits)***Typically offered occasionally*

" This course is for students who already have a good command of the language but are not yet accurate in their use of English. Through spoken and written practice of advanced complex structures and usage, students learn to minimize errors and increase accuracy. In-class activities include error analysis and exercise drills to deepen students' understanding of the language and to help them gain greater competence and confidence when communicating"

**Grading:** UC SPS Pass/Fail**Repeatable for additional credit:** Yes**DESL1-UC 9484 Writing/Editing Sem I (0 Credits)***Typically offered occasionally*

Designed for students already proficient in English, this reading and writing course focuses on learning to write comfortably in both professional and casual settings. Students develop their accuracy, style, vocabulary, and improve their self-confidence while expressing themselves in writing

**Grading:** UC SPS Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** Yes**DESL1-UC 9488 Speaking Clearly & Correctly II (0 Credits)***Typically offered occasionally*

This class is for advanced level students who still feel uncomfortable speaking English. Students work on language conventions to ensure greater accuracy and competence when speaking in both professional and casual settings. Through discussions, presentations, and group work, intensive individualized attention is paid to each student's language habits and patterns. Students gain greater confidence in making correct vocabulary, idiom, and grammar choices

**Grading:** UC SPS Pass/Fail**Repeatable for additional credit:** Yes**DESL1-UC 9491 Accent Correction III (0 Credits)***Typically offered occasionally*

Designed for students with light accents, this course targets individual areas of pronunciation that continue to cause communication difficulties. In addition to accent, the class focuses on discussion skills, tone of voice, and functional expressions used in everyday situations. Class activities include listening practice, reading aloud, short speeches, and discussions. With intensive individualized attention, learn to correct your pronunciation, communication more effectively, and increase your confidence

**Grading:** UC SPS Pass/Fail**Repeatable for additional credit:** No**DESL1-UC 9494 Writing/Editing Sem II (0 Credits)***Typically offered occasionally*

This course is for international students proficient in English who need to concentrate on writing and reading for personal or professional reasons. Students learn techniques to strengthen their own writing by reading the best writers. They write weekly essays with emphasis on organization, audience, word choice, and sentence structure, as well as grammar and style. With increased confidence, students learn to examine their own writing with a critical eye and a finer sense of what makes writing effective

**Grading:** UC SPS Pass/Fail**Repeatable for additional credit:** Yes

**DESL1-UC 9495 Speak W/ Confidence & Fluency (0 Credits)**

*Typically offered occasionally*

This class prepares fluent speakers to function more comfortably in situations in which educated English is expected. Students learn how to polish their delivery skills and diction and improve their use of English structures while addressing intonation, volume, and body language. They explore confidence-building techniques as they plan formal and informal presentations, take part in discussions, and expand their knowledge of vocabulary and idioms, all while receiving intensive, individualized error correction

**Grading:** UC SPS Pass/Fail

**Repeatable for additional credit:** Yes

**DESL1-UC 9610 Spec Private Instruct I (0 Credits)**

*Typically offered occasionally*

The content of this course is tailored to meet the individual language needs of each student

**Grading:** UC SPS Pass/Fail

**Repeatable for additional credit:** Yes

**DESL1-UC 9615 Special Private Instruct II (0 Credits)**

*Typically offered occasionally*

The content of this course is tailored to meet the individual language needs of each student

**Grading:** UC SPS Pass/Fail

**Repeatable for additional credit:** Yes

**DESL1-UC 9900 ISSC Academic Success Workshop Series: Reading/Writing (0 Credits)**

The ISSC Academic Success Series: Reading/Writing is designed to help SPS students achieve success in their degree programs by improving their academic English language skills. Students will learn to better organize their ideas, use citations effectively, and support opinions in writing. Grammar, sentence structure and vocabulary will be addressed throughout, helping students to communicate with accuracy. These workshops prepare students to function comfortably in university classes and other situations in which formal written English is required.

**Grading:** Class does not print on the transcript

**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

**DESL1-UC 9901 ISSC Academic Success Workshop Series: Speaking/Listening (0 Credits)**

The ISSC Academic Success Series: Speaking/Listening is designed to help SPS students achieve success in their degree programs by improving their academic English language skills. Speaking workshops will focus on pronunciation, presentation and discussion skills. Grammar, sentence structure and vocabulary will be addressed throughout, helping students to communicate with accuracy. These workshops prepare students to function comfortably in university classes and other situations in which formal spoken English is required.

**Grading:** Class does not print on the transcript

**Repeatable for additional credit:** No