

American College English

The American College English (ACE) area of study provides advanced English skill instruction to bilingual or multilingual students who desire the development of stronger academic writing, reading, vocabulary, and oral communication skills for success in college courses. ACE courses emphasize critical thinking and clear communication to prepare students for all college-level work. The ACE 149 and ACE 150 composition courses are UC/CSU transferable and lead students directly to ENGL 100. Please also look for specially designated sections of ENGL 100 designed for students from multilingual backgrounds.

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Courses

ACE 149: Introduction to Academic Writing for Students from Multilingual Backgrounds

Units: 4

Prerequisites: None

Enrollment Limitation: Not open to students with prior credit in ENGL 49 or ESL 149.

Acceptable for Credit: CSU, UC

Lecture 3.50 hours, laboratory 1.50 hours.

Course Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer

This course is designed for students from diverse language backgrounds who are making a transition to the use of academic English and who require the development of writing skills. The course emphasizes critical thinking, reading, and writing. It provides practice in gathering, organizing, and communicating information and in applying the principles and conventions of standard edited American English. UC CREDIT LIMITATION: Credit for ACE 149 or ESL 149.

ACE 150: Introduction to College Composition for Students from Multilingual Backgrounds

Units: 4

Prerequisites: ACE 149, ENGL 49, ESL 149, or eligibility determined by the English placement process.

Enrollment Limitation: Not open to students with prior credit in ESL 150.

Acceptable for Credit: CSU, UC

Lecture 3.50 hours, laboratory 1.50 hours.

Course Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer

This course, designed for students from diverse language backgrounds, offers intensive practice in the writing process, critical reading, and critical thinking. It also provides practice in acquiring, synthesizing, and communicating information and in applying the principles and conventions of standard edited American English. UC CREDIT LIMITATION: Credit for ACE 150 or ESL 150.

ACE 296: Topics in American College English

Units: 1-3

Prerequisites: None

Acceptable for Credit: CSU

Lecture 1 hour.

Lecture 2 hours.

Lecture 3 hours.

Course Typically Offered: To be arranged

This course gives students an opportunity to study topics in American College English that are not included in regular course offerings. Each Topics course is announced, described, and given its own title and 296 number designation in the class schedule.