Grand Rapids Community College offers English as a Second Language classes for students whose native language is not English.

Each class is four academic credits, and students can take up to three ESL classes at a time.

These classes will help beginning through advanced level students to improve their English so that they can be more successful in college, at work, and/or in the community.

Classes are offered at four levels. Students are required to take a placement test before registration so that they can be placed into the correct level.

**GRCC Mission**

Our mission is to provide the community with learning opportunities that enable people to achieve their goals.

**GRCC Vision**

We are a vibrant institution of higher education dedicated to enriching people’s lives and contributing to the vitality of the community.

ESL courses at the college will help individuals in the community to reach a wide variety of personal, professional and academic goals through the improvement of their English skills.

For More Information

To learn more about the ESL program, please call the English Department at (616) 234-3360.

To receive a college catalog or to get information about admissions or financial aid, please call the Admissions office at (616) 234-4100.
Listening and Speaking Courses
(ES 101, 102, 103 and 104)
These courses will help students to improve their listening, speaking and pronunciation skills. Students will learn to understand more of the English that they hear in various situations. They will also learn to speak more clearly so that others can understand them better. The first levels will work with conversational English while the higher levels will work with advanced conversation skills and academic English.

Writing and Grammar Courses
(ES 111, 112, 113 and 114)
These courses will help students to improve their writing skills and learn correct English grammar. Students will learn English grammar rules and use them to create clear, comprehensible writing. They will work with sentences at the first level and move on to work with paragraphs and essays at the more advanced levels.

Reading and Vocabulary Courses
(ES 121, 122, 123 and 124)
These courses will help students to improve their reading skills and vocabulary knowledge. Students will develop the skills needed to read and understand a variety of texts. They will also learn techniques and strategies to better understand new vocabulary. Students will work with simplified English writing at the first levels and progress to more complicated, academic writing at the advanced levels.