

ESL Student Outcomes

The main purpose of this study was to track the outcomes of ESL students while considering the various levels in which they began the core sequence. Five cohorts of students who attempted their first ESL course were tracked six years to determine whether they completed English 100, or earned a degree or certificate, or transferred to a 4-year institution within that time frame. The results are summarized below.

Five Cohorts tracked Six Years

2007-2008 → 2012-2013
 2008-2009 → 2013-2014
 2009-2010 → 2014-2015
 2010-2011 → 2015-2016
 2011-2012 → 2016-2017

Where did most ESL students start the core sequence?

- Most students started the ESL core sequence in ESL 184 C or ESL 185 C.

Table 1. First ESL Course by Academic Year

	2007-2008		2008-2009		2009-2010		2010-2011		2011-2012		Total/Average	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
ESL 080 C	28	6.7%	34	7.9%	39	9.1%	29	7.8%	36	9.0%	166	8.1%
ESL 081 C	23	5.5%	19	4.4%	19	4.4%	19	5.1%	26	6.5%	106	5.2%
ESL 182 C	58	13.9%	67	15.5%	66	15.4%	52	14.1%	49	12.3%	292	14.3%
ESL 183 C	43	10.3%	46	10.6%	51	11.9%	48	13.0%	63	15.8%	251	12.3%
ESL 184 C	90	21.6%	101	23.4%	116	27.1%	82	22.2%	80	20.1%	469	22.9%
ESL 185 C	91	21.9%	97	22.5%	76	17.8%	80	21.6%	84	21.1%	428	20.9%
ESL 186 C	83	20.0%	68	15.7%	61	14.3%	60	16.2%	60	15.1%	332	16.2%
Total	416	100.0%	432	100.0%	428	100.0%	370	100.0%	398	100.0%	2,044	100.0%

How many ESL students successfully completed English 100 C within six years?

- On average, 36.9% of ESL students successfully completed English 100 C within six years. The rate of completion was much lower for students who started in the lowest levels of ESL compared to students who started in the higher levels of ESL.

Table 2. Successful Completion of ENGL 100

	Total Students	Successfully Completed ENGL 100	
	N	N	%
ESL 080 C	166	15	9.0%
ESL 081 C	106	23	21.7%
ESL 182 C	292	70	24.0%
ESL 183 C	251	93	37.1%
ESL 184 C	469	156	33.3%
ESL 185 C	428	219	51.2%
ESL 186 C	332	178	53.6%
Total	2,044	754	36.9%

How many ESL students earned a degree or certificate within six years?

- On average, 14.3% of ESL students earned a degree and/or certificate within six years. Many students earned more than one award, with the 293 students who earned a degree or certificate earning 503 awards. The rate of earning an award was much lower for students who started in the lowest levels of ESL compared to students who started in the higher levels of ESL.

Table 3. Students Earning a Degree and/or Certificate

	Total Students		Earned an AA or AS Degree		Earned an AA-T or AS-T Degree		Earned a Certificate		Earned a Degree and/or Certificate	
	N		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
ESL 080 C	166		3	1.8%	1	0.6%	3	1.8%	6	3.6%
ESL 081 C	106		8	7.5%	1	0.9%	4	3.8%	10	9.4%
ESL 182 C	292		15	5.1%	6	2.1%	13	4.5%	29	9.9%
ESL 183 C	251		27	10.8%	3	1.2%	12	4.8%	35	13.9%
ESL 184 C	469		38	8.1%	9	1.9%	36	7.7%	70	14.9%
ESL 185 C	428		54	12.6%	11	2.6%	31	7.2%	81	18.9%
ESL 186 C	332		41	12.3%	7	2.1%	24	7.2%	62	18.7%
Total	2,044		186	9.1%	38	1.9%	123	6.0%	293	14.3%

What types of degrees and certificates are ESL students earning?

- Among the 293 ESL students who earned an award within six years, there were 503 degrees and certificates awarded. The degrees and certificates they earned are listed below, but the top awards are an Associate in Arts Degree in Liberal Arts: Math and Science, and an Associate in Science Transfer Degree in Business Administration.

Table 4. Degrees and Certificates Earned

Award Type and Program	Number of Awards
Associate in Arts - Lib Arts: Math and Science	59
Associate in Science Transfer - Business Administration	34
Associate in Arts - Lib Arts: Social and Behavioral Science	22
Certificate 30 to 60 units - Psychiatric Technology	18
Certificate 6 to 18 units - Basic Flight Attendant	16
Associate in Science - Flight Attendant	13
Certificate 6 to 18 units - Basic Airline Customer Service	12
Associate in Arts - Lib Arts: Arts and Humanities	11
Associate in Arts - Liberal Arts: General Business	10
Associate in Arts - Liberal Arts	9
Associate in Science - Accounting	8
Certificate 6 to 18 units - Dining Room Operations	8
Certificate 6 to 18 units - Engine Specialist	8
Certificate 6 to 18 units - Baking Fundamentals	7
Certificate 6 to 18 units - Basic Travel/Tourism	7
Certificate 6 to 18 units - Culinary Fundamentals	7
Certificate 30 to 60 units - Adv Flight Attendant	6
Certificate 18 to 30 units - Adv Flight Attendant	6
Associate in Science - Airline Customer Services	6
Certificate 6 to 18 units - Brake and Alignment Specialist	6

Associate in Science - Culinary Arts	6
Associate in Science - Health Information Technology	6
Certificate 6 to 18 units - Rooms Operations	6
Certificate 6 to 18 units - Transmission Specialist	6
Associate in Science - Computer Programming	5
Certificate 30 to 60 units - Computer Programming	5
Certificate 30 to 60 units - Culinary Arts	5
Certificate 18 to 30 units - Dental Assisting	5
Certificate 30 to 60 units - Radiologic Technology	5
Associate in Science - Registered Nursing	5
Certificate 30 to 60 units - Accounting	4
Certificate 30 to 60 units - Alcohol and Drug Studies	4
Certificate 6 to 18 units - Aviation I Private Pilot	4
Certificate 6 to 18 units - CISCO Networking	4
Associate in Science - Food Service Management	4
Associate in Arts - General Studies	4
Associate in Science - Hotel Management	4
Certificate 6 to 18 units - Performance and Driveability	4
Associate in Science - Radiologic Technology	4
Certificate 30 to 60 units - Adv Airline Customer Services	3
Certificate 18 to 30 units - Adv Airline Customer Services	3
Associate in Science - Aviation Management	3
Certificate 6 to 18 units - Basic Baker	3
Certificate 6 to 18 units - Basic Cruise Line Sales and Operations	3
Certificate 6 to 18 units - Basic Tourism and Conference Management	3
Associate in Arts - Business Administration	3
Associate in Science - Business Management	3
Associate in Science - Computer Information Systems	3
Certificate 30 to 60 units - Food Service Management	3
Associate in Science - General Studies	3
Certificate 18 to 30 units - Management	3
Associate in Science - Marketing	3
Associate in Science Transfer - Mathematics	3
Certificate 6 to 18 units - Medical Record Clerk	3
Associate in Science - Mortuary Science	3
Associate in Science Transfer - Physics	3
Associate in Science - Psychiatric Technology	3
Associate in Science - Travel Tourism	3
Certificate 30 to 60 units - Adv Travel/Tourism	2
Associate in Science - Air Conditioning and Refrigeration	2
Certificate 30 to 60 units - Air Conditioning and Refrigeration	2
Associate in Arts - Art	2
Certificate 6 to 18 units - Aviation II Instrument Pilot	2
Associate in Science - Baking and Pastry Arts	2
Certificate 6 to 18 units - Basic Cook	2
Associate in Science - Dental Assisting	2
Certificate 30 to 60 units - Diagnostic Medical Sonography	2
Certificate 6 to 18 units - Front Desk Operations	2

Certificate 30 to 60 units - Hotel Operations	2
Certificate 6 to 18 units - Housekeeping Operations	2
Certificate 30 to 60 units - Human Services Generalist	2
Certificate 6 to 18 units - PC/Network Hardware Support	2
Certificate 18 to 30 units - Photography	2
Associate in Arts - Physical Education	2
Certificate 6 to 18 units - Advanced Networking	1
Certificate 18 to 30 units - Air Conditioning Building Commissioning	1
Certificate 18 to 30 units - Air Conditioning Codes and Estimating	1
Certificate 18 to 30 units - Air Conditioning Customer Service	1
Certificate 18 to 30 units - Air Conditioning Environmental Controls	1
Certificate 30 to 60 units - Auto Collision Repair	1
Certificate 6 to 18 units - Auto Damage Appraisal	1
Certificate 30 to 60 units - Auto Paint and Refinishing	1
Associate in Science - Automotive Technology	1
Certificate 30 to 60 units - Automotive Technology	1
Certificate 6 to 18 units - Aviation III Commercial Pilot	1
Certificate 6 to 18 units - Aviation IV Advanced Pilot	1
Certificate 18 to 30 units - Aviation Management	1
Certificate 30 to 60 units - Baking and Pastry Arts	1
Certificate 18 to 30 units - Commercial Air Conditioning	1
Associate in Science - Commercial Pilot	1
Certificate 18 to 30 units - Commercial Refrigeration	1
Certificate 18 to 30 units - Computer Applications	1
Certificate 18 to 30 units - Computer Programming	1
Certificate 12 to 18 units - Cyber Security	1
Associate in Science - Dental Hygiene	1
Certificate 30 to 60 units - Dental Hygiene	1
Associate in Science - Diagnostic Medical Sonography	1
Certificate 6 to 18 units - Digital Photography	1
Certificate 30 to 60 units - Electronic Publishing Design	1
Certificate 30 to 60 units - Family Studies	1
Associate in Arts Transfer - Geography	1
Certificate 6 to 18 units - Gerontology	1
Certificate 18 to 30 units - Green Air Conditioning	1
Certificate 18 to 30 units - Green Refrigeration	1
Certificate 6 to 18 units - Health Care Services Clerk	1
Certificate 30 to 60 units - Health Information Coding	1
Certificate 30 to 60 units - Health Information Technology	1
Certificate 18 to 30 units - Health Information Technology	1
Certificate 18 to 30 units - Heat Pump	1
Certificate 6 to 18 units - Homeland Security	1
Associate in Arts - Human Services	1
Certificate 30 to 60 units - IGETC	1
Certificate 6 to 18 units - Imaging Technologist Assistant	1
Certificate 18 to 30 units - Medical Insurance Billing	1
Associate in Science - Medical Staff Services Management	1
Certificate 18 to 30 units - Merchandising	1

Certificate 18 to 30 units - Microsoft Networking	1
Certificate 6 to 18 units - Network Virtualization	1
Certificate 6 to 18 units - Portrait & Wedding Photography	1
Certificate 6 to 18 units - Professional Marketing	1
Associate in Arts Transfer - Psychology	1
Certificate 6 to 18 units - Recording Arts	1
Certificate 30 to 60 units - Retail Management	1
Associate in Arts Transfer - Sociology	1
Certificate 6 to 18 units - Travel Tourism	1
Total Awards Earned	503

How many ESL students transfer to a four-year institution within six years?

- On average, 20.5% of ESL students transferred to a four-year institution within six years. The rate transfer was much lower for students who started in the lowest levels of ESL compared to students who started in the higher levels of ESL.

Table 5. Students Transferring to a Four-Year Institution

	Total Students	Transferred to a 4-Year Institution	
	N	N	%
ESL 080 C	166	10	6.0%
ESL 081 C	106	16	15.1%
ESL 182 C	292	33	11.3%
ESL 183 C	251	47	18.7%
ESL 184 C	469	89	19.0%
ESL 185 C	428	109	25.5%
ESL 186 C	332	115	34.6%
Total	2,044	419	20.5%

What four-year institutions are ESL students transferring to?

- Among the 419 ESL students who transferred to a four-year institution within six years, the top transfer institution was CSU Fullerton, followed at a distance by CSU Long Beach and UC Irvine.

Table 6. Transfer Institutions

Transfer Institution	Number of Students
California State University - Fullerton	124
California State University - Long Beach	49
University of California - Irvine	42
University of California - Los Angeles	31
California State Polytechnic	27
University of California - San Diego	16
California State University - Dominguez Hills	8
California State University - Los Angeles	7
Biola University	5
National University	5
University of California - Berkeley	5
University of Phoenix	4

University of Southern California	4
Chapman University - Orange	3
University of California - Riverside	3
University of Maryland - University College	3
California State University - San Bernardino	2
California State University - Northridge	2
College of Southern Nevada	2
ITT Technical Institute	2
Otis College of Art And Design	2
School of the Art Institute of Chicago	2
Seattle Central Community College	2
Sonoma State University	2
University of California - Santa Barbara	2
University of South Florida	2
University of Texas Arlington	2
University of Texas at Dallas	2
University of Washington - Seattle	2
Western University of Health Sciences	2
Arizona State University	1
Art Center College of Design	1
Azusa Pacific University - Undergraduate	1
California Baptist University	1
California Institute of Technology	1
California State University - Bakersfield	1
California State University - East Bay	1
California State University - Fresno	1
Canisius College	1
Concordia University - Irvine	1
Culinary Institute of America	1
Devry University	1
Dordt College	1
Eastern Washington University	1
Florida State College at Jacksonville	1
George Mason University	1
Grace College	1
Grand Canyon University	1
Grantham University	1
Green River College	1
Husson University	1
Lake Erie College of Osteopathic	1
Liberty University	1
Metropolitan State University - Normandale	1
Moody Bible Institute	1
Musicians Institute	1
Newman University	1
Northern State University	1
Nova Southeastern University	1
Pepperdine University	1

Pratt Institute	1
San Francisco Conservatory of Music	1
San Francisco State University	1
Savannah College of Art and Design	1
Southern California University of Health Sciences	1
State College of Florida Manatee - Sarasota	1
Suny Fashion Institute of Technology	1
Texas Woman's University	1
The New School	1
Thomas Edison State University	1
Towson University	1
United Education Institute - Anaheim	1
University of California - Davis	1
University of Cincinnati	1
University of Hawaii at Manoa	1
University of Nevada Las Vegas	1
University of New Orleans	1
University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill	1
University of North Texas	1
University of Portland	1
University of San Diego	1
University of The Pacific	1
University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee	1
Virginia Commonwealth University	1
Weber State University	1
Total	419

How many ESL students earned a degree, certificate, and/or transferred within six years?

- On average, 30.1% of ESL students earned a degree, certificate, and/or transferred within six years.

Table 7. Completion Outcomes

	Total Students	Earned a Degree and/or Certificate		Transferred to a 4-Year Institution		Degree, Certificate, and/or Transfer	
	N	N	%	N	%	N	%
ESL 080 C	166	6	3.6%	10	6.0%	13	7.8%
ESL 081 C	106	10	9.4%	16	15.1%	22	20.8%
ESL 182 C	292	29	9.9%	33	11.3%	53	18.2%
ESL 183 C	251	35	13.9%	47	18.7%	72	28.7%
ESL 184 C	469	70	14.9%	89	19.0%	136	29.0%
ESL 185 C	428	81	18.9%	109	25.5%	167	39.0%
ESL 186 C	332	62	18.7%	115	34.6%	152	45.8%
Total	2,044	293	14.3%	419	20.5%	615	30.1%

What type of educational goals do ESL students have, and are their goals different from our general student population?

- The most common educational goal for ESL students was earning an Associate degree and transferring to a four-year institution (37.2%), which is also the most common goal among the fall 2017 general student population (50.8%), however the percentage of students pursuing this goal was lower among ESL students. Expectedly, the percent of students with the educational goal of improving basic skills (i.e., English, reading, math) was higher among ESL students (4.4%) compared to the fall 2017 general student population (0.8%).

Table 8. Educational Goals

	ESL Cohorts		All Students Fall 2017	
	N	%	N	%
Associate Degree and Transfer	760	37.2%	8,092	50.8%
Transfer Only	303	14.8%	2,239	14.0%
Associate Degree Only	175	8.6%	1,271	8.0%
Vocational Degree Only	42	2.1%	22	0.1%
Vocational Certificate Only	47	2.3%	670	4.2%
Discover Career Interests	24	1.2%	243	1.5%
Prepare for a New Career	81	4.0%	547	3.4%
Job Advancement	46	2.3%	227	1.4%
Maintain Certificate or License	18	0.9%	198	1.2%
Educational Development	74	3.6%	255	1.6%
Improve Basic Skills (English, reading, math)	89	4.4%	122	0.8%
Complete HS Diploma or GED	12	0.6%	54	0.3%
Move from Noncredit to Credit	1	0.0%	9	0.1%
4-Year Student	40	2.0%	468	2.9%
Undecided	264	12.9%	1,375	8.6%
Unreported	68	3.3%	152	1.0%
Total	2,044	100.0%	15,944	100.0%