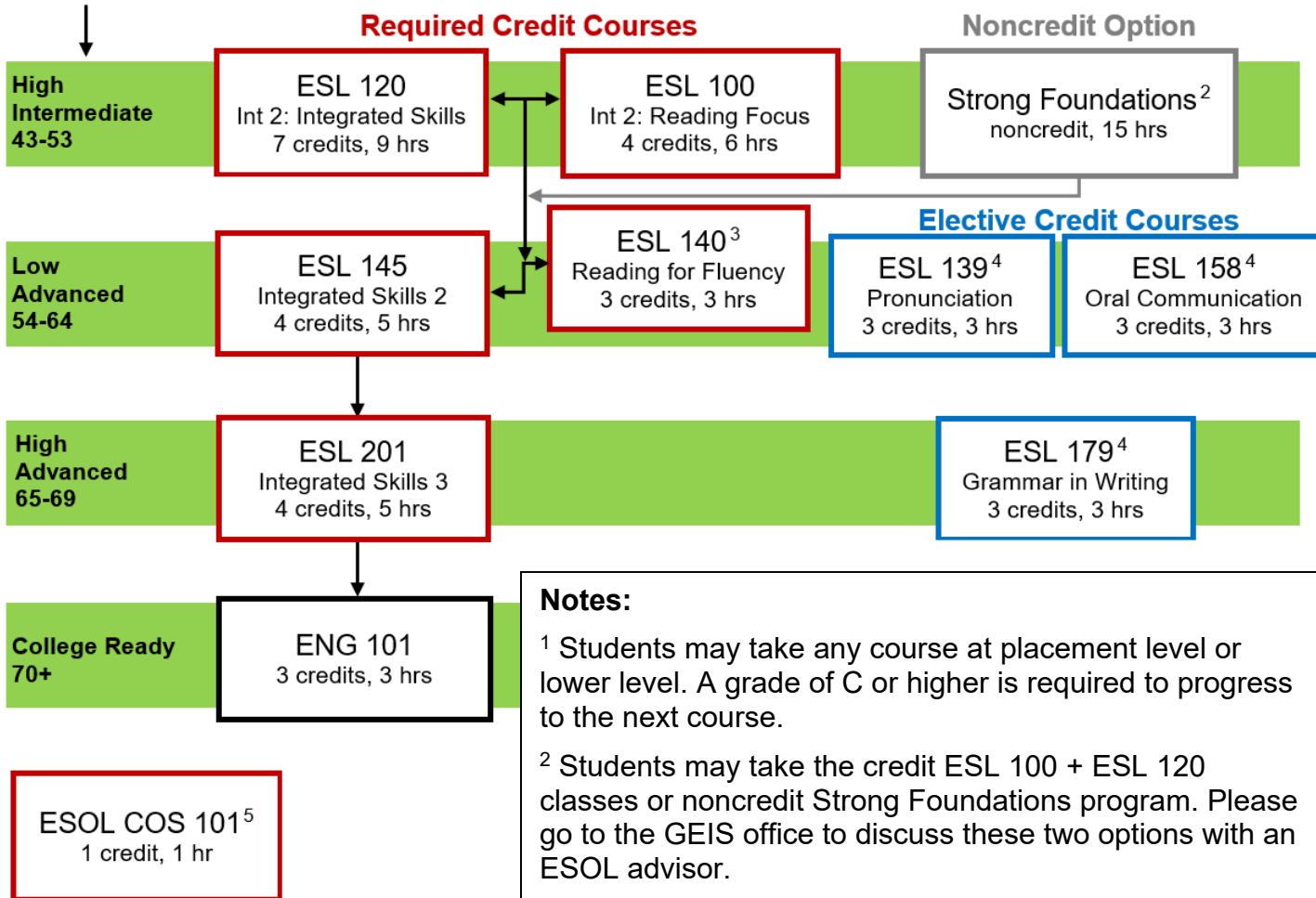


# Which MCC ESOL Course Should I Take?

## 2025-2026 Academic Year

Students who have a foreign HS diploma, came to the U.S. and entered high school after 9<sup>th</sup> grade, or received any ESOL/ESL services in high school in the U.S., will take an MCC-approved ESOL placement test. Exception: If a student has been enrolled in a U.S. school from K-6 and continues their education in a U.S. high school, they will be placed into English courses by HS GPA and will not require MCC ESOL placement testing. After you [apply to MCC \(www.monroecc.edu/apply\)](http://www.monroecc.edu/apply), contact the [Global Education & International Services \(www.monroecc.edu/depts/global-education/\)](http://www.monroecc.edu/depts/global-education/) (GEIS) office at [mccglobaleducation@monroecc.edu](mailto:mccglobaleducation@monroecc.edu) to schedule a placement test or get more information.

### Placement Level<sup>1</sup>



### Notes:

- <sup>1</sup> Students may take any course at placement level or lower level. A grade of C or higher is required to progress to the next course.
- <sup>2</sup> Students may take the credit ESL 100 + ESL 120 classes or noncredit Strong Foundations program. Please go to the GEIS office to discuss these two options with an ESOL advisor.
- <sup>3</sup> Depending on placement test score, new students who test at low advanced level may not be required to take ESL 140 as a co-requisite with ESL 145.
- <sup>4</sup> Students who would benefit from additional support in pronunciation, listening & speaking, or grammar should take ESOL electives. Contact ESOL faculty for more information.
- <sup>5</sup> New students at the low advanced level and above should be encouraged to take ESOL-designated COS 101.

## Which MCC ESOL Courses Should I Take?

Students testing at the **High Intermediate Level** will complete this path:

- Semester 1: ESL 100 and ESL 120 or Strong Foundations (noncredit option)
- Semester 2: ESL 140 and ESL 145
- Semester 3: ESL 201
- Semester 4: ENG 101

Students testing at the **Low Advanced Level** will complete this path:

- Semester 1: ESL 140 and ESL 145 (Note: Depending on placement test score, new students who test at low advanced level may not be required to take ESL 140 as a co-requisite with ESL 145.)
- Semester 2: ESL 201
- Semester 3: ENG 101

Students testing at the **High Advanced Level** will complete this path:

- Semester 1: ESL 201
- Semester 2: ENG 101

Students who would benefit from additional support in pronunciation, listening & speaking, or grammar should take ESOL electives:

- ESL 139: Students may take this course at the Low Advanced Level or above
- ESL 158: Students may take this course at the Low Advanced Level or above
- ESL 179: Students may take this course at the High Advanced Level or above

New students at the low advanced level and above should be encouraged to take ESOL-designated COS 101.

## ESOL Placement Scores | Quick Reference for Advisors

- MCC ESOL placement scores are for students who test on campus at MCC.
- Accuplacer ESL placement scores are approved temporarily for remote testing for students who are a certain distance from campus. Contact MCC Testing Services at (585) 292-2290 for more information.
- Please refer any student who tests 43-53 on the MCC placement test to the GEIS office in Building 11, Room 211 to discuss credit versus noncredit options.

Banner Codes	ESOL Placement Test	Accuplacer ESL: Language Use + Sentence Meaning
ENG 101	Score 70+	Score 220+
ESL 201	Score 65 to 69	Score 205 to 219
ESL 145	Score 58 to 64	Score 195 to 204
ESL 140+145	Score 54 to 57 <b>Or</b> Score 43 to 53 and 4 years of high school in US	Score 185 to 194 <b>Or</b> Score 165 to 184 and 4 years of high school in US
Strong Foundations ESOL or ESL 100 + ESL 120	Score 43 to 53	Score 165 to 184