

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING RESOURCES

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

The English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Program at Bentley provides a number of courses and services for international and multilingual students.

English and Media Studies Writing and Communication Courses

Writing courses and communication courses designed to meet the needs of international and multilingual students are offered in conjunction with the English and Media Studies Writing and Communication Program. These courses are taught by ESOL instructors who provide students with multiple opportunities to engage in critical reading, writing, and communication and who give careful attention to the linguistic and cultural issues that arise out of using English as an additional language in an academic context. Student placement in these classes depends on students' language backgrounds and on the results of the university's writing placement exam. The ESOL courses, including a course with an intensive writing lab, each grant three credits, cover similar skills, and fulfill the same requirements as all other sections of EMS courses. The EMS courses for international and multilingual students are:

- EMS 102: Critical Reading and Writing for Multilingual Students
- EMS 102L: Critical Reading and Writing for Multilingual Students with Lab
- EMS 105: Multimodal Communication for Multilingual Students

The ESOL Center

In the ESOL Center (<https://www.bentley.edu/offices/academic-services/esol/>), faculty tutors who specialize in working with multilingual learners provide English-language support for writing and academic coursework. Students can receive help at any stage in the writing process. Additionally, they can receive guidance with research, citing sources, oral presentations, PowerPoint slides, pronunciation, and conversation enrichment for building fluency.

ESOL Center Help Includes:

- Writing: Students can bring course papers at any stage of the writing process for feedback on clarity, organization, and development.
- Presentation Skills: Students can practice presentations with or without PowerPoint slides and receive feedback on their performances.
- Pronunciation: Students can work on their English speaking skills based on feedback and suggested strategies for increasing the clarity, stress, and intonation of their pronunciation.
- Speaking and Conversation Practice: Students can practice speaking about academic issues, current events, and other topics of interest.

Appointments: Weekday and evening appointments are available. Students can schedule appointments (<https://bentleyesol.mywconline.net/>) up to two weeks in advance. The ESOL Center offers three types of appointments:

- In-Person Appointments: Students meet with tutors at the ESOL Center (Bentley Library, Lower Level, Room 026).
- Online Appointments: Students meet with tutors through Zoom.
- E-Tutoring Appointments: Students submit their essays to the ESOL Center. A tutor reads the essay, writes feedback, and returns the essay to the student.

For further information about the ESOL Center, please email Kristin Raymond at kraymond@bentley.edu.

Location: Bentley Library, Lower Level, Room 026