

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

All academic programs at Esperanza College of Eastern University consist of a minimum of 61 credit hours. During their first two semesters, students take core courses designed to fulfill the basic educational mission of Eastern University, specifically those providing a biblical foundation upon which all learning and action can be based, those ensuring the acquisition of certain basic skills, and those that broaden the students' views of the world. Students take additional courses in their field of study starting their second semester. Graduates typically end with more than 61 credits, as outlined by each academic program. Upon completing each program, students will be equipped to continue their education at a baccalaureate level, to demonstrate enhanced job skills, and to continue a self-determined plan of learning.

The Language Transition Track

The Language Transition Track (LTT) program is structured to develop academic English and Spanish literacy skills, including reading, grammar, writing, and speaking, so that by the end of the program students complete academic work in English.

Students placed in the LTT begin their studies in Spanish, with increasing amounts of English being used for teaching and assessment during the first two semesters. The third semester instruction and assessments are in English, although students may find Spanish help from full-time advisors. By the fourth semester, all lectures and course work must be in English.

Use of Spanish/English on Campus

Esperanza College structures its program so that non-native English speakers are expected to use English more and more throughout the four semesters to ease the development and mastering of the language. The increased use of English and decreased use of Spanish in no way implies that English is "better" than Spanish. Rather it is an acknowledgement that further education and most career advancement in the continental US require strong English skills. Since our goal is to prepare students for further education and/or career advancement, we try to provide the environment in which students can make the progress needed to be successful in the future.

To that end, we have established the following policies concerning the use of English while at Esperanza College (EC):

- In all **English** and **Language** courses, all teaching and conversation in the classroom is to be in English, with the exception that during the first two semesters, explanations of material can be in Spanish if students are having difficulty with comprehension.
- Courses during the first two semesters in the Language Transition Track are taught in Spanish with the exception of Health Science, Natural Science and Medical Assisting, but students will be increasingly exposed to English during the academic year to prepare them for the transition described next. Students are encouraged to use English as much as possible during this year.
- In all courses taught the third semester in the Language Transition Track, all teaching and conversation in the classroom is to be in English, with the exception that explanations can occasionally be in Spanish when there are problems in comprehending the material when a qualified person to explain the material is available.
- In all courses taught the fourth semester, all teaching and conversation in the classroom are to be in English.
- Students are strongly encouraged to practice their English before and after class and during the break period.
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