

English Language Learners in the Mainstream

This seven-lesson course aims to prepare teachers to work more effectively with English language learners in mainstream classes. Among other goals, you will learn how demographic changes affect schools, the importance of culture when teaching ELL students, and supportive strategies that can be implemented in any classroom.

Course Objectives

After completing this course, you should be able to

- Explore the difference between social and academic language.
- Learn basic instructional strategies.
- Explore guidelines for planning instruction.
- Consider how students learn to read in primary grades and read to learn in secondary grades.

Course Syllabus

<p>Lesson 1</p>	<p>Our Students' Changing Faces</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading: Introduction • Reading: Equal Access and Opportunity • Reading: Welcoming ELL Students • Reading: Good Teaching Practices • Reading: The Teacher's Role • Video: Multimedia Activity 1A • Video: Multimedia Activity 1B • Interactivity 1A • Journal Entry 2
<p>Lesson 2</p>	<p>The Effect of Culture and Family on Learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading: Introduction • Reading: Fitting In: The Child's Experience • Reading: Parental Involvement • Reading: Culturally Supportive Classroom Strategies • Video: Mutlimedia Activity 2A • Video: Mutlimedia Activity 2B • Video: Mutlimedia Activity 2C • Video: Mutlimedia Activity 2D • Interactivity 2A • Interactivity 2B • Interactivity 2C • Interactivity 2D
<p>Lesson 3</p>	<p>In the Classroom, Part 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading: Introduction • Reading: Seconary Language Acquisition • Reading: Social Language Versus Academic Language

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading: Support for Teachers • Reading: Teacher Collaboration: So Happy Together • Reading: Strategies All Teachers Can Use • Video: Multimedia Activity 3A • Video: Multimedia Activity 3B • Interactive 3A • Journal Entry 3
<p>Lesson 4</p>	<p>In the Classroom, Part 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading: Introduction • Reading: Reading and Writing for All Ages • Reading: Primary Grades: Learning to Read • Reading: Primary Grades: Learning to Read Activities • Reading: Secondary Grades: Reading to Learn • Reading: Practical Ways to help English Language Learners in the Mainstream • Video: Multimedia Activity 4A • Interactivity 4A • Interactivity 4B • Journal Entry 4
<p>Lesson 5</p>	<p>Assessment, Grades, and NCLB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading: Introduction • Reading: Academic Background • Reading: About Grades • Reading: High-Stakes Testing • Reading: Preparing ELL Students for High-Stakes Testing • Reading: The NCLB Effect • Reading: Accurate, Meaningful, and Fair

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Video: Multimedia Activity 5A • Video: Multimedia Activity 5B • Journal Entry 5
<p>Lesson 6</p>	<p>Learning Challenged and Gifted Students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading: Introduction • Reading: Assessing Classroom and Teaching Practices • Reading: Working with Older Students • Reading: Developing an Individualized Language Development Plan • Reading: When is it a Language Disability • Reading: Gifted ELL Students • Video: Mutlimedia Activity 6A • Interactivity 6A • Interactivity 6B
<p>Lesson 7</p>	<p>Effective Education in Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading: Introduction • Reading: Review of Basic ELL Strategies • Reading: Multicultural Schools • Video: Multimedia Activity 7A

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