



# ESL Programs

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We prepare students to reach their personal, academic, and professional goals in the ESL programs at Laurel Ridge. Students improve their English proficiency and cultural competence in a safe and supportive learning environment.

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Fundamental  
ESL

Academic ESL  
Pathway

Workplace  
English

ESP  
(English for  
Specific  
Purpose)

# Foundational ESL

**Foundational ESL** classes are offered on multiple levels to help students develop reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills for life, work, and community involvement. Students gain proficiency and can progress to enter post-secondary schools and training.

<b>Levels</b>
<b>1 Beginners ESL</b>
<b>2 Low Beginning ESL</b>
<b>3 High Beginning ESL</b>
<b>4 Low Intermediate ESL</b>
<b>5 High Intermediate ESL (ESL 20)</b>



# Foundational ESL

- Free Classes
- MW or TR classes
- 4 hours per week
- 14 weeks for fall & spring
- In-person and Online
- Locations: the city of Winchester and the counties of Frederick, Clarke, Shenandoah, Warren, and Page.
- Registration periods: August and January
- Use Waiting List Form to register for classes
- <https://laurelridge.edu/adult-education/>
- Sharon Hetland, Interim Program Director
- Shetland@laurelridge.edu
- 540-869-0747



# Foundational ESL

Morning classes meet 9-11 AM

Evening classes meet 6-8 PM.

Classes are offered in various locations throughout the region. Please call for locations near you!

We have classes at Laurel Ridge (Middletown Campus) and high schools, middle schools, churches and libraries. We have a class NEAR YOU!



# Academic ESL Pathway

**ESL Pathway** classes teach English skills to students who pursue academic or career paths. After completion of ESL level 40 courses, students can transition to a degree, certificate, or credential program and then transfer to four-year college institutions.



# Academic ESL Pathway

Level	Courses
ESL 30 Intermediate	ESL 31 Writing ESL 32 Reading ESL 33 Oral Comm ESL 35 Grammar
ESL 40 High Intermediate	ESL 41 Writing ESL 42 Reading ESL 43 Oral Comm ESL 45 Grammar
ESL 95 Low Advanced	ESL95/ENG111 SDV 100 College courses
Summer or optional courses	Oral/Written Comm Writing Workshop Reading Workshop Spelling and Vocabulary Accent Reduction

- MW or TR classes
- 3 hours per week
- 14 weeks for fall and spring
- Morning or Evening classes
  - 9:30-10:50am / 11-1:20pm
  - 6-7:20pm / 7:30-8:50pm
- Summer classes vary
- In-person and Online
- Part-time or full-time
- Financial aid and scholarships
- <https://laurelridge.edu/esl-eal-english-as-a-second-additional-language/>





# Academic ESL Pathway Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
9:30-10:50 am ESL 31 Comp I ESL 41 Comp II	9:30-10:50 am ESL 35/45 Grammar 3/4	9:30-10:50 am ESL 31 Comp I ESL 41 Comp II ESL 95/ENG111	9:30-10:50 am ESL 35/45 Grammar 3/4
11:00-12:20 pm ESL 32 Reading II ESL 42 Reading III ESL 95/ENG111	11:00-12:20 pm ESL 24/33 Oral Comm	11:00-12:20 pm ESL 32 Reading II ESL 42 Reading III	11:00-12:20 pm ESL 24/33 Oral Comm
	6:00-7:20 pm ESL 31 Comp I ESL 41 Comp II		6:00-7:20 pm ESL 31 Comp I ESL 41 Comp II
	7:30-8:50 pm ESL 32 Reading II ESL 42 Reading III		7:30-8:50 pm ESL 32 Reading II ESL 42 Reading III

- Daytime classes: in-person
- Evening classes: live online

The schedule may be subject to change.



# Workplace Classes

**Workplace Classes** can be developed for employers who want their employees to learn English. Based on specific company needs, content is developed to help students learn HR and safety protocols, work processes and vocabulary, and communication with customers, colleagues and supervisors. Classes are free and are offered on-site to coordinate with shift schedules.

- **For more info, contact Sharon Hetland**
- **Shetland@laurelridge.edu or 540-869-0747**



# ESP Classes

**ESP Classes** (English for Specific Purposes) teach vocabulary and content knowledge in a particular discipline, such as science, technology, business, economics, health, and other professions/academics. This specially arranged course integrates content and language to support learners in successfully functioning the necessary language skills within the field.

- For more info, contact Soyoung Burke
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# Apply for ESL Admission

- Laurel Ridge welcomes all students.
- Complete Application for Admission  
[https://www.apply.vccs.edu/applications/vccs/apply.html?application\\_id=4087](https://www.apply.vccs.edu/applications/vccs/apply.html?application_id=4087)
- Check your school email for the next steps to follow-Orientation.
- Submit your records and documentation to show your status: undocumented/DACA, Au pair, permanent resident, and international.
- A student's status determines his/her eligibility for in-state, business contract, and out-of-state tuition rates.  
<https://laurelridge.edu/tuition-rates/>



# ESL Placement and Progress

Go to [Laurelridge.edu](http://Laurelridge.edu)-Apply Now

Complete Application for Admission.

Take a Placement Test as directed.

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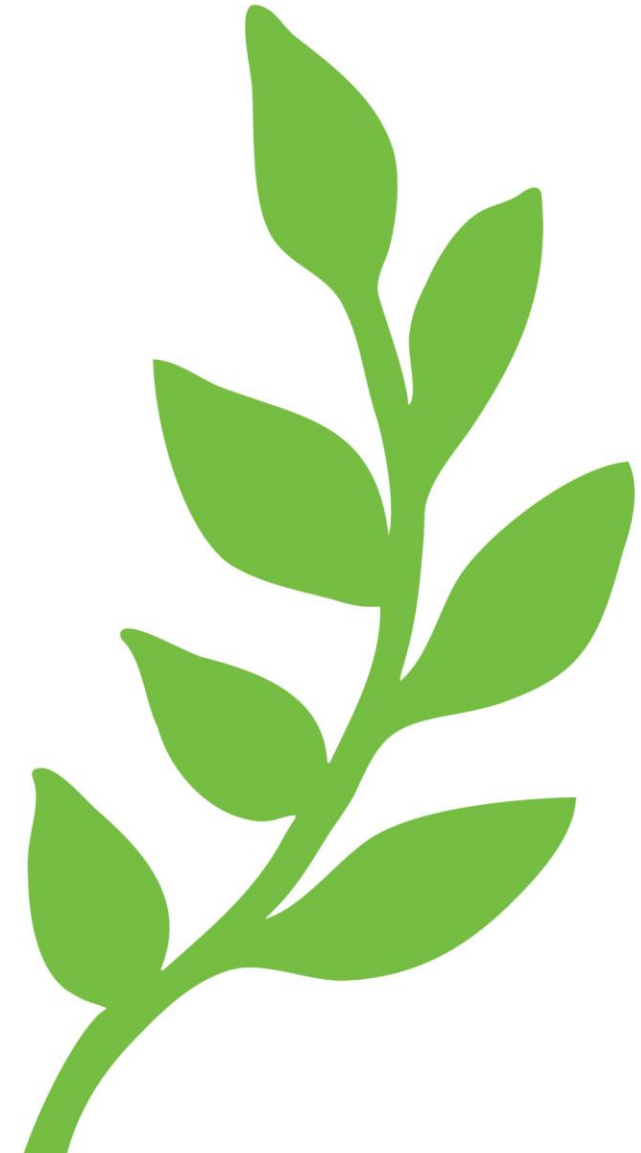
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## Foundational ESL

After level 5 (level 20), go to GED or Academic ESL Pathway

## Academic ESL Pathway

After ESL 30 and 40 level, take Laurel Ridge college courses



# ESL Programs

- Multiple levels of ESL courses
- Experienced ESL instructors
- Flexible class schedules, instruction modes (in-person, hybrid, or online), and locations
- Free or affordable tuition and financial assistance and scholarships
- Global Friend & Family conversation program
- Access to campus resources and student services



# Contact Info

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