

Course Descriptions

Burnaby Central

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS (ELL)

ELL classes are designed to help our students improve their English skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. This is done through the studying of content that students will encounter in mainstream classes.

ELL classes at Central are divided into levels 1, 2, and 3.

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 3 or higher
Developing English Strategies	Expanding English Strategies	Social Studies 10 ELL	Cultural Empowerment Through Language 11
Developing English Strategies for Social Studies	Expanding English Strategies for Social Studies	English 10 ELL	
Developing English Strategies for Science	Expanding English Strategies for Science		
Developing English Strategies for Career Life			

Developing and Expanding English Strategies for Social Studies classes help prepare ELL students for successfully participating in mainstream Social Studies classes. In these classes, students initially focus on familiar, concrete environments of family and communities, and as their language abilities increase, topics extend to national and international communities. Major themes of society, politics and law, economy, technology, and environment may be explored.

Developing and Expanding English Strategies classes help prepare ELL students for successful participation in mainstream English classes. Students practice sentence structure, expanding written output, and work on paragraph to eventual essay writing. In addition, a wide range of literary genres are examined through short stories, novels, poems, and plays to help ELL students understand how authors use language to communicate effectively with an intended audience.

Developing and Expanding English Strategies for Science classes help prepare ELL students for successful participation in mainstream Science classes. Life Science, Physical Science, Earth and Space Science are all areas that are explored. In addition, science literacy skills are introduced and reinforced in these classes. Teachers may also aid students with their mainstream Science classes if they are taking both Expanding English Strategies for Science and their mainstream Science class in the same semester.

Developing English Strategies for Career Life classes are for supporting ELL students with their elective classes such as physical education, home economics, technology education, career and health education in addition to English language skills.

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The Level 3 ELL courses correspond to mainstream English 10 and Social Studies 10. These adapted classes provide increased support to ELL students with their language development while they receive credit for English 10 and Social Studies 10 through these Level 3 classes.

Cultural Empowerment Through Language 11 is for grade 11 and 12 multilingual students in level 3 or higher who want/need additional support and practice with their English language skills. A variety of texts/media will be used to help students work on and improve their reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills. This course is offered through the English Department at Burnaby Central.