



The CIESOL Advantage

The Internet and its burgeoning applications continue to enfold more and more cities and individuals into a single international village, the lingua franca of which is English. The Center for International English for Speakers of Other Languages (CIESOL, pronounced “seesol”) is envisioned to be a leading provider of ESOL training to the members of this global village.

CIESOL draws upon the strengths of its mother unit, the Br. Andrew Gonzalez FSC College of Education (BAGCED) of De La Salle University (DLSU), the academic departments of which conduct innovative research in English language education, applied linguistics, educational psychology, educational technology, and educational leadership, among others. CIESOL in turn plays a major role in the internationalization of BAGCED.

CIESOL provides unparalleled, cost-effective ESOL training and related services at the beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels to groups as well as individuals in ASEAN+3 universities and other institutions that have memoranda of understanding or agreement with DLSU/BAGCED.

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Program Aims and Outcomes

The CIESOL Language Learning Program is composed of a set of three-week (30-hour) intensive ESOL courses designed to increase the overall English language proficiency of international students through interactive and engaging classes. At the completion of this program, the students' ability and confidence in communicating in English in social situations will have greatly improved.

Program Structure and Content

CIESOL offers a wide range of non-academic ESOL courses with focus on both macro skills (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) and micro skills (grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation) for academic, personal, or professional development. Detailed description of General ESOL, ESP, and Advanced ESOL courses can be found on the CIESOL website

Assessment

Based on satisfactory class performance and attendance (80% = 24 hours), deserving students are awarded a Certificate of Completion and holistic (qualitative and quantitative) evaluation at the end of the program.



CIESOL Orientation of New Students

Faculty

Providing the services are highly qualified teachers who have graduate degrees in language education or related fields, as well as teaching certification and experience in ESOL.



1-to-1 Tutorial Class

Class Size

A regular class has a minimum of four (4) and a maximum of seven (7) students.

A special class has a minimum of two (2) and a maximum of three (3) students.

Beginners (those students who cannot speak or can barely understand English) are advised to take 1-to-1 tutorials for the following reasons:

- The student has the undivided attention of the tutor.
- Lessons can be tailored to suit the student's needs and learning speed.

Class Schedule

CIESOL courses run for three (3) weeks with 2-hour session per day for five days in a week for a total of 30 hours per month (3 weeks x 2 hours x 5 days = 30 hours). Regular class days are from Monday to Friday, and the time slots for the standard class schedules are as follows:

- 8:00 to 10:00 AM
- 10:15 AM to 12:15 PM
- 1:15 to 3:15 PM

Tutorial (1-to-1) classes may be offered outside of the regular time slots and are subject to teacher availability.

General English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Courses

- Conversation English (Levels 1 to 12)
- English Grammar (Levels 1 to 12)
- English Pronunciation (Levels 1 to 6)
- Reading Comprehension and Vocabulary Development (Levels 1 to 12)
- Writing Skills (Levels 1 to 6)
- Pre-Grad (Levels 1 to 6)
- Basic Business English
- Technical Writing

English for Specific Purposes (ESP) and Advanced ESOL Courses

- Advanced Conversational English
- Advanced Technical Writing
- Comprehensive English Grammar/English Proficiency for Professionals
- Grammar in Writing/Effective Writing for Professionals
- Oral/Speech Communication