

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

Noncredit versus Credit



Students may choose to take Novice-High through Intermediate-High level classes as *either noncredit or credit*. Both noncredit and credit students are in the same classes *together*. The lessons, assignments, tests, homework, and attendance requirements are the same. Here some of the differences between noncredit and credit.

	Noncredit	Credit
Tuition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Free	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tuition is required to enroll in class, but financial aid may be available
Other costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students may be responsible for books, supplies, and parking fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students may be responsible for books, supplies, and parking fees
College Degree	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Does not earn college credit toward a degree	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Earns college credit toward a degree
Certificates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Noncredit Intermediate-High Certificates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ESL Academic Preparedness Skills Certificate
Grades	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Receive a pass or no pass grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Receive a letter grade (A, B, C, D, F)
Residency	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Does not affect the cost and no documents are needed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information entered in the Sierra College application is used to determine residency. Additional steps may be needed.
Repeatability	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can repeat as many times as desired	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can only complete course once with passing grade

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