East Los Angeles College

Spring 2021

English Department Newsletter

No matter what you major in, no matter what career path you choose, being able to communicate is vital to success and that's where our department and the English AAT-degree come in. The primary things we teach—at all levels of study—are critical thinking and the art of argument. After all, that is what college is all about: learning to think for yourself and knowing what you think and why. In our classes, we examine issues critically, read classic and contemporary texts closely, and discuss enduring and current issues that affect all of us on a daily basis in order to better understand history, the world, and our place in it. Our goal is to empower you, our students, to find your unique voice so that you can create the change you want to see in your life and in the world.

Questions and Answers about returning to IN PERSON classes in Fall 2021 from students

How are you ensuring that the social distancing requirement will be met?

Social distancing requirements will be met by closing off gathering spaces and by maintaining a 50% capacity for all classrooms.

I'm wondering who will deal with non-compliant students?

In the classroom, the instructor will refer non-compliant students to the Dean of Students for further action. We will have security in place for any situation that goes beyond the scope of the instructor and the Dean.

Will there be requirements set in place to visit campus?

The new procedure for visiting campus is to complete a self-check survey, which is available through the new ELAC Safety App that you can download, or at LACCD.edu.

Will we be required to get the vaccine before going back to in person classes?

No. We are not currently requiring students to have the vaccine before going back to in person classes, but we are highly recommending them and making the vaccines accessible to all.

How will ELAC observe COVID safety protocols to ensure that students, faculty, and the Monterey Park community remain safe as we are still in a pandemic?

ELAC as an institution must adhere to all LA County health guidelines to remain open, so this is at the top of our priorities for opening.

Will students be given a choice to take online classes if they do not feel comfortable going back to in person classes?

Yes. Both online and in person classes will be offered.

A lot of students have dropped out due to lack of either motivation or resources. Going back to campus gives a lot of us a fighting chance at graduating and continuing our education.

We are working on providing equitable access and opportunities for all community members who would like to return to in person learning.

How will they determine the number of students in a class?

This will be determined by classroom capacity, so if the capacity is 50, then only 25 individuals will be able to be inside the classroom (including the instructor and staff).

How do professors feel about returning to campus?

Many professors feel ready to come back to in person instruction, while many also have chosen to remain online for various reasons.

If classes are back on campus will seats have plexiglass or limit the number of students per class.

Because the Plexiglass is a recommendation for classes that require one-to-one interaction such as labs or one-to-one tutoring, only those spaces will have them available. Desks will be marked to stay 6 foot apart in the classroom.

I think it would be better to wait until Spring 2022. It feels like it's too soon to go back because there is limited data on how long vaccines can offer protection.

We anticipate that we will be fully back to campus by Spring 2022, with a variety of classes still being offered online (with Zoom classes and with no Zoom classes).

When's the earliest/latest ELAC will fully open to the public?

We anticipate that we will be back to campus at a 50% capacity by Fall 2021.

I wonder if the shuttle will still be accessible to transport from the Southgate campus to the main campus.

Our Southgate campus will also return at a 50% capacity, but there will be no shuttle services.

Will there be English classes for foreign students who want to learn English?

Yes. We will be offering 3 in person ESL classes in the Fall 2021.

If students choose to stay online for Fall 2021, can they still access all ELAC's resources?

Yes, all services will continue to be offered both remotely and in person.

I really liked being online and having everything on CANVAS. Will this continue with in person classes?

Instructors will have to option to continue to utilize CANVAS for in person classes since many have found it to be helpful, but it will be ultimately up to the instructor.

How many units will be required for international students when the school reopen during this pandemic?

International students need 12 units each semester. As of right now, brand new students coming to the U.S. in the fall need to take some form of in person/hybrid course which will be satisfied by one of our counseling classes.

Will be able to have tutoring in person?

Yes. Tutoring will be offered with the proper social distancing requirements.

Will the cafeteria be opened?

No. Our cafeteria will be used as a classroom because of the space capacity.

How are you determining which classes will be in person?

Many classes that are considered "hard to convert" are already being offered on campus. The English department is offering classes that are in high demand to provide more options for students who would like to return.

If I decide to come back, how many students per class will there be?

There will be a 50% capacity; approximately 20 students per class, unless you are in a lecture hall, which has more capacity.

Will teachers be present, or will they be teaching via Zoom in class like other schools are doing?

In person classes will be taught by the instructor who will be there in the classroom.

Will the campus be cleansed and sanitized daily?

Yes. We have a robust custodial team that will clean and sanitize classrooms in-between classes. You will have disinfectant wipes available. They will also conduct deep cleanings in the evenings when classes are not in session.

Will it be hard to adapt back to face to face?

It could be difficult, and we are all adapting as we go, but we are working on creating a supportive environment for all students, faculty, and staff.

If we are looking to possibly return to in person lectures, how would it affect the availability or classes for students?

Because of the 50% capacity, there will be fewer classes available in person, but we will still offer several classes online.

What would classrooms look like?

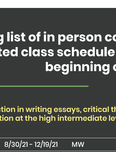
Desks will be spaced out with markings for social distancing. There will be supplies available such as masks, disinfectant wipes, and face sheilds for students, faculty and staff.

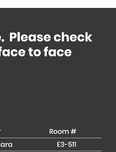
Is it possible to do half of my classes online and half of my classes in person?

Yes. You may choose to take some classes online and others in person.

Will online classes and zoom be part of our college education from now on?

Yes. We are planning on offering more online classes and new online programs moving forward into the future.





The following list of in person courses is tentative. Please check the updated class schedule for all online and face to face beginning on May 24th!

E.S.L. in Person Classes

E.S.L. 5A provides instruction in writing essays, critical thinking, grammar, reading, and verbal communication at the high intermediate level

Section #					Instructor	Room #
11028	E.S.L. 005A	8/30/21 - 12/19/21	MW	12:10 PM - 3:20 PM	Behseta,Sara	E3-511
23098	E.S.L. 005A	8/30/21 - 12/19/21	MW	8:50 AM - 12:00 PM	Tirman,Daniel Jay	E3-317

E.S.L. 6A provides instruction in writing extended essays using a variety of rhetorical modes, critical thinking, reading at the advanced level, and verbal communication

11237	E.S.L. 006A	8/30/21 - 12/19/21	MTWR	8:50 AM - 10:15 AM	Warner,Nathan J.	TBA

ESL 5C focuses on development of high-intermediate speaking and listening skills necessary for college and vocational study (can be taken with E.S.L. 5A and 5B)

TBA	ESL 5C	8/30/21 - 12/19/21	TR	8:50 AM - 10:15 AM	Yuksel,Diler P.	TBA

English 94 (Intensive Grammar Review)

23068	ENGLISH 094	8/30/21 - 12/19/21	MW	10:35 AM - 12:00 PM	Van Houten,Kevin William	E3-307

English 100 (This class is a preparation course for English 101 for students who need to brush up on some writing skills)

23074	ENGLISH 100	8/30/21 - 12/19/21	TR	1:45 PM - 3:10 PM	Yuksel,Diler P.	E3-507
23075	ENGLISH 100	8/30/21 - 12/19/21	TR	3:30 PM - 3:40 PM	Yuksel,Diler P.	E3-507

English 101 College Reading and Composition I

17747	ENGLISH 101	8/30/21 - 12/19/21	MW	10:35 AM - 12:00 PM	Burrell,Vernita Lynne	E3-311
11083	ENGLISH 101	8/30/21 - 12/19/21	MW	12:10 PM - 1:35 PM	Burrell,Vernita Lynne	F5-201
11100	ENGLISH 101	8/30/21 - 12/19/21	TR	8:50 AM - 10:15 AM	Orozco,Luis R	TBA
TBA	ENGLISH 101	8/30/21 - 12/19/21	TR	10:35 AM - 12:00 PM	Orozco,Luis R	TBA
19795	ENGLISH 101	8/30/21 - 12/19/21	TR	3:30 PM - 4:55 PM	Silva,Juan Obed	E3-511
11238	ENGLISH 101	8/30/21 - 12/19/21	TR	3:30 PM - 4:55 PM	Burrell,Vernita Lynne	G7-102
11839	ENGLISH 101	8/30/21 - 12/19/21	TR	5:15 PM - 6:40 PM	Silva,Juan Obed	E3-508
17738	ENGLISH 101	8/30/21 - 12/19/21	TR	5:15 PM - 6:40 PM	Burrell,Vernita Lynne	G7-102

English 102 focuses on reading and writing about literature, fiction and non-fiction) May be taken before or after English 103

17776	ENGLISH 102	8/30/21 - 12/19/21	TR	8:50 AM - 10:15 AM	Ula,Labina S.	G7-104
25514	ENGLISH 102	8/30/21 - 12/19/21	TR	10:35 AM - 12:00 PM	Carlos,Maria Dolores	E3-307
19803	ENGLISH 102	8/30/21 - 12/19/21	TR	12:10 PM - 1:35 PM	STAFF,ELAC	E3-521
11281	ENGLISH 102	8/30/21 - 12/19/21	TR	3:30 PM - 4:55 PM	Carlos,Maria Dolores	E3-517
25515	ENGLISH 102	8/30/21 - 12/19/21	TR	1:45 PM - 3:10 PM	Carlos,Maria Dolores	E3-525

English 103 (This course focuses on critical thinking and writing)

25556	ENGLISH 103	8/30/21 - 12/19/21	S	8:50 AM - 12:00 PM	STAFF,ELAC	G7-104
25557	ENGLISH 103	8/30/21 - 12/19/21	TR	1:45 PM - 3:10 PM	Rodriguez,Joshua R.	E3-553
15249	ENGLISH 103	8/30/21 - 12/19/21	MW	3:30 PM - 4:55 PM	Pennar,James Lon	E3-507
15256	ENGLISH 103	8/30/21 - 12/19/21	TR	5:10 PM - 6:35 PM	Pennar,James Lon	E3-557
23105	ENGLISH 103	8/30/21 - 12/19/21	MW	5:10 PM - 6:35 PM	Pennar,James Lon	E3-508

English 207 is American Literature I an introduction to American writers from colonial times to 1865

16812	ENGLISH 207	8/30/21 - 12/19/21	TR	3:30 PM - 4:55 PM	Pennar,James Lon	E3-559

Reading 98 prepares students for academic reading and foundational critical thinking (Now, financial aid eligible)

17795	READING 098	8/30/21 - 12/19/21	MW	12:10 PM - 1:35 PM	Pacheco,Shana Rose	E3-517
17796	READING 098	8/30/21 - 12/19/21	MW	1:45 PM - 2:15 PM	Pacheco,Shana Rose	E3-517

Reading 101 develops critical reading strategies and analytical techniques through the reading of fiction and nonfiction texts at the college level (now, CSU transferable)

17794	READING 101	8/30/21 - 12/19/21	MW	10:35 AM - 12:00 PM	Pacheco,Shana Rose	E3-321

Honors (visit our website for more information on the Honors Program)

17800	ENGLISH 103	8/30/21 - 12/19/21	MW	8:50 AM - 10:15 AM	Gleason,Raeanna L.	TBA

Southgate in-person classes

16811	ENGLISH 103	8/30/21 - 12/19/21	R	6:50 PM - 10:00 PM	Williams,John Gregory	TBA
16796	ENGLISH 103	8/30/21 - 12/19/21	T	6:50 PM - 10:00 PM	Williams,John Gregory	TBA
TBA	English 101	8/30/21 - 12/19/21	W	6:50 PM - 10:00 PM	STAFF,ELAC	TBA

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