ENGLISH FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS (ENFS)

Note: Testing Dates and Class times and locations may change due to Covid 19

English for Foreign Students (ENFS) is a comprehensive testing, academic advising, and instructional program which assists the University’s foreign students who have language-related difficulties.

All newly admitted graduate non-native speakers of English are required to take an English language proficiency examination administered by ENFS before registration. This examination, consisting of a writing sample and an oral interview, is designed to identify those students who need additional work on spoken and/or written English. Shortly after the examination, ENFS makes recommendations to the students and to their academic advisors regarding appropriate study loads and the need (if warranted) for supplementary English courses. Please bring your Dept. advisor’s NAME or Department contact name.

ENFS provides three courses for students needing them, Spoken Communication in English, Written Communication in English, and Oral English for Foreign Teaching Assistants. USC students may enroll in these courses during normal University registration. The fee for taking an ENFS course is the standard per credit charge for USC students. Non-USC students may enroll in these courses at the EPI Office located in the Close-Hipp 403. Below is a description of ENFS course offerings.

Course Descriptions

ENFS 072: Spoken Communication in English
This course is designed for international students at the University who require additional help with their listening and speaking skills in English as a second language. Special attention is given to English pronunciation, vocabulary, idioms and conversational rules used in academic and professional settings. As part of the course, the students participate in such activities as guided discussions on aspects of American classroom culture, debates, oral reports and presentations. Students are also taught strategies for overcoming pronunciation and accent barriers.

ENFS 075: Oral English for Foreign Teaching Assistants
This course is designed to prepare USC international graduate students to teach undergraduate students effectively. The course focuses on effective cross-cultural communication in undergraduate instructional contexts. The course addresses such issues as developing accurate pronunciation and grammar, increasing vocabulary range so as to enhance linguistic repertoire, and understanding and acquiring US rhetorical strategies relevant to instruction. The final grade will be partially based on an exit examination similar to USC’s International Teaching Assistant Assessment.

ENFS 082: Written Communication in English
This course is designed for international students at the university who require additional help with their writing skills in English as a second language. The focus of the course is on strategies for writing appropriate American academic English at the graduate level, illustrating contrastive rhetorical strategies and cultural differences. The course includes work on sentence structure and practice in writing organized paragraphs, essays and papers for academic purposes, working on everything from class assignments, articles, critiques, to theses or dissertations. The scope of the course varies a great deal, depending on the students who enroll in the course. Yet, the two components of the course remain: 1) emphasis on recognizing differences in writing styles across cultures, and 2) individual conferences on the students’ writing assignments from their other classes.

These courses are graded courses with an audit option. Grades are determined based on progress, performance, classroom participation and attendance. Each course provides 45 hours of classroom instruction, starting after the regular semester begins and ending in time for students to study for final exams. Enrollment is through normal University registration. Class size is limited.

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ENGLISH FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS (ENFS) PROGRAM SCHEDULE
Fall 2019 TESTING SCHEDULE

ENFS TESTING (all new International Graduate Students) (ITAs and Non-ITAs) This testing is online. See Kate Bledsoe for information.

The English Proficiency Writing Examination (required of all newly admitted graduate international students before registration) This is one of the two tests required. It will be done online.

The English Proficiency Oral Examination (required of all newly admitted graduate international students before registration)  (Students taking the ITA Assessment on Friday, August 14 do not take this exam.)

ENFS TESTING RESULTS _____________________________ Wednesday, August 12, 2020
Results will be emailed to departmental advisors as soon as possible after the exam. Students may register for classes after talking with advisors.

Exemptions – If you have graduated from a university in the U.S., UK, Australia or New Zealand you may be exempted from the ENFS tests. If you have an Internet based-TOEFL (iBT) writing score of 25 or an IELTS (6.5) or higher, you may be exempted from the writing test. If you have an iBT speaking score of 22 or an IELTS (6.5) or higher, you may be exempted from the oral interview.  * To be exempted, you must present original scores or proof of degree in hard copy form or electronic scans of the original forms or Diploma to kate_bledsoe@epi.sc.edu to request the exemption.  Students from English speaking countries may possibly be exempted. Please email Kate Bledsoe to have your request for exemption considered.

* Please note that the ENFS oral interview is DIFFERENT from the International Teaching Assistant Assessment. You need at least a 26 iBT speaking sub-score or a 7.0 IELTS speaking sub-score to be exempted from the International Teaching Assistant Assessment.

ENFS COURSE SCHEDULE Fall 2020

These courses are listed in the USC Master schedule.

ENFS 072: Spoken Communication in English  Course Code: 15474  Section 001
Dates: Monday, August 20 – Wednesday, December 1 2020  Course Code: 30253  Section 002
Days: Monday/Wednesday, Time: 4:05 PM – 5:20PM
Instructor: Teaching Staff, Credit Hours:  3 hours
Location: Close-Hipp #403
NOTE: ENFS 072 meets concurrently with ENFS 075 but will have adjusted assignments and testing. Section 001 is face to face. Section 002 is 100% web Synchronous.

ENFS 075: Oral English for International Teaching Assistants  Course Code: 15475  Section 001
Dates: Monday, August 20 - Wednesday, December 1 2020  Course Code: 30254 Section 002
Days: Monday and Wednesday, Time: 4:05 PM – 5:20 PM
Instructor: Teaching Staff, Credit Hours:  3 hours
Location: Close-Hipp Building #403
NOTE: ENFS 075 is designed to target the special linguistic needs of International Teaching Assistants. Section 001 is face to face. Section 002 is 100% web Synchronous.

ENFS 082: Written Communication in English  Course Code: 15476  Section 001
Dates: Thursday, August 225- Tuesday, November 30 2020  Course Code: 30255 Section 002
Days: Tuesday and Thursday, Time: 4:05 PM – 5:20 PM
Instructor: Teaching Staff, Credit Hours:  3 hours
Location: Close-Hipp Building #403
NOTE: ENFS 082 will NOT substitute for ENFS 075. Section 001 is face to face. Section 002 is 100% web Synchronous.