ENGLISH FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS (ENFS)

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) Wednesday, August 14, 2019

The English Proficiency Writing Examination (required of all newly admitted graduate international students before registration) will be administered at 1:00 PM, 2:00 PM, 3:00 PM, and 4:00 PM in CLOSE-HIPP 403. Seating is limited. BRING Dept. advisor’s NAME or Dept. contact name.

The English Proficiency Oral Examination (required of all newly admitted graduate international students before registration) will be administered Wednesday, August 14 at 1:50 PM, 2:50 PM, 3:50 PM, and 4:50 PM in Close-Hipp 403. BRING Dept. advisor’s NAME or Department contact name. (Students taking the ITA Assessment on Friday, August 16 do not take this exam.)

ENFS TESTING RESULTS Wednesday, August 14, 2019
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 Close-Hipp 652 to request the exemption. Students from English speaking countries may possibly be exempted. Please come to Close-Hipp 403 to have your request for exemption considered or email it to Kathy Bledsoe at enfs@epi.sc.edu.

* 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 2019

These courses are listed in the USC Master schedule.

ENFS 072: Spoken Communication in English
Course Code: 16993  Section 001
Dates: Monday, August 26 – Wednesday, December 4, 2019
Days: Monday/Wednesday, Time: 3:30 PM – 4:45 PM
Instructor: Teaching Staff, Credit Hours: 3 hours
Location: Close-Hipp #434
NOTE: ENFS 072 meets concurrently with ENFS 075 but will have adjusted assignments and testing.

ENFS 075: Oral English for International Teaching Assistants
Course Code: 16994  Section 001
Dates: Monday, August 26 - Wednesday, December 04, 2019
Days: Monday and Wednesday, Time: 3:30 PM – 4:45 PM
Instructor: Teaching Staff, Credit Hours: 3 hours
Location: Close-Hipp Building #434
NOTE: ENFS 075 is designed to target the special linguistic needs of International Teaching Assistants.

ENFS 082: Written Communication in English
Course Code: 16995  Section 001
Dates: Thursday, August 22 - Thursday, December 05, 2019
Days: Tuesday and Thursday, Time: 3:30 PM – 4:45 PM
Instructor: Teaching Staff, Credit Hours: 3 hours
Location: Close-Hipp Building #434
NOTE: ENFS 082 will NOT substitute for ENFS 075.