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 and FAX number.

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, Suite 207 located in the Byrnes Building. 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 (Fall semester only)
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 or the English Programs for Internationals, room 207 of the Byrnes Building. Class size is limited.

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ENGLISH FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS (ENFS) PROGRAM SCHEDULE
Spring 2016

ENFS TESTING

ENFS TESTING session I ________________________________ Tuesday, January 5, 2016
The English Proficiency Oral Test and Writing Examination (required of all newly admitted graduate international students before registration) will be administered at 1 - 2:30 PM in Close-Hipp 652. Seating is limited. **BRING Dept. advisor’s NAME and FAX number.**

ENFS TESTING session II ________________________________ Thursday, January 7, 2016
The English Proficiency Oral Test and Writing Examination (required of all newly admitted graduate international students before registration) will be administered at 9 - 10:30 AM in Close-Hipp 652. Seating is limited. **BRING Dept. advisor’s NAME and FAX number.**

ENFS TESTING session III ________________________________ Thursday, January 7, 2016
The English Proficiency Oral Test and Writing Examination (required of all newly admitted graduate international students before registration) will be administered at 1 - 2:30 PM in Close-Hipp 652. Seating is limited. **BRING Dept. advisor’s NAME and FAX number.**

ENFS TESTING RESULTS ________________________________ Friday, January 8, 2016
Results will be emailed to the USC Graduate school as soon as possible so that HOLDs can be lifted.

Exemptions – If you have graduated from a university in the U.S., you may be exempted from the ENFS tests. If you have an iBT writing score of 25 or higher, you may be exempted from the writing test. If you have an iBT speaking score of 22 or higher, you may be exempted from the oral interview. * To be exempted, you must bring an original copy of your degree or iBT scores or other form of proof to Byrnes 207 to request the exemption. Students from English speaking countries may possibly be exempted. **Please come to Byrnes 207 to have your request for exemption considered.

* Please note that 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 Spring 2016

These courses are listed in the USC Master schedule.

ENFS 072: Spoken Communication in English
Course Code: 50122 Section 001
Dates: Monday, January 11, 2016 - Wednesday, April 20, 2016
Days: Monday and Wednesday, Time: 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Instructor: Teaching Staff, Credit Hours: 3 hours
Location: Byrnes Building #203
NOTE: ENFS 072 will NOT substitute for ENFS 075.

ENFS 082: Written Communication in English
Course Code: 50123 Section 001
Dates: Tuesday, January 12, 2016 - Thursday, April 21, 2016
Days: Tuesday and Thursday, Time: 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Instructor: Teaching Staff, Credit Hours: 3 hours
Location: Byrnes Building #203
NOTE: ENFS 082 will NOT substitute for ENFS 075.