



ESL ACADEMY/LYNX DIRECT 2024

Academic English Preparation for Degree Programs at CU Denver



By learning and socializing in an intensive academic English environment, students quickly acquire the language skills they need for university and everyday life. Completion of level 5 at the English as a Second Language (ESL) Academy serves as proof of general English language proficiency for the University of Colorado Denver. No TOEFL or IELTS needed!

Most ESL Academy students will enter degree programs at CU Denver. All ESL Academy students are encouraged to complete research in their area of university study.

CLASSES

Intensive English classes at the ESL Academy are designed for university-bound students. Grammar, reading, writing, and listening/speaking classes ensure a student's success at the university. Other classes such as Rhetoric and Logic and Advanced Vocabulary support a student's successful transition into academic culture.

FIVE 8-WEEK TERMS EACH YEAR

Summer	Fall I	Fall II	Spring I	Spring II
June	August	October	January	March

Please visit esl.ucdenver.edu for specific start dates.

MY SCORE					
TOEFL iBT	29-42	43-53	54-63	64-70	70-74
IELTS	4	4.5	5	5.5	6
Estimated Entrance ESL Level	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
ESL Terms Required Before CU Denver Enrollment Eligibility	5 Terms	4 Terms	3 Terms	2 Terms	1 Term

QUICK AND EASY ONLINE APPLICATION

- ▶ To complete the short application or find out more information about the ESL Academy, visit esl.ucdenver.edu
- ▶ \$73 application fee (waived with conditional admission to a CU Denver degree program)
- ▶ Students are invited to an online interview with an ESL Academy staff member to assess English language ability and answer any questions applicants might have.

ESTIMATED COSTS

Figures based on the 2023-24 academic year.

	ESL Academy (One 8-Week Term)	ESL Academy (One Year)
Tuition & Fees*	\$3,996	\$19,980
Health Insurance	\$510	\$2,550
Books	\$150	\$750
Other Living Expenses	\$3,049	\$15,245
Total (I-20 Amount)	\$7,705	\$38,525

*Tuition and fees amounts are subject to change. Your costs may vary depending on the number of ESL terms attended and your individual living arrangements. See the most current information by visiting esl.ucdenver.edu

ESL ACADEMY GRADUATES SCHOLARSHIP

Students who successfully complete level 5 at CU Denver's ESL Academy and continue with CU Denver for their undergraduate degree studies are guaranteed a scholarship of \$1,000 per year, for each level completed at the ESL Academy. Up to the full cost of ESL tuition & fees will be earned back through the scholarship, over the course of the degree program. You will see the return of investment on ESL study through better preparation and better grades, AND you can recoup the financial cost too!

ESL Levels Completed	Level Entered ESL Academy	ESL Academy Annual Award Amount	Total Scholarship During Undergraduate Degree
One Level	Level 5	\$1,000	\$4,000
Two Levels	Level 4	\$2,000	\$8,000
Three Levels	Level 3	\$3,000	\$12,000
Four Levels	Level 2	\$4,000	\$16,000
Five Levels	Level 1	\$5,000	\$20,000

Students who complete the **LynxDirect Pathway Program** are eligible for the ESL Academy Graduate Scholarship. The non-degree portion of LynxDirect counts as one additional level of ESL study for the purposes of determining the scholarship amount. The scholarship will start in the first term of degree-seeking study (after completing LynxDirect).

STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND CAMPUS LIFE

ESL Academy students are a part of the CU Denver community. With classes on campus and access to the same resources as other students, ESL Academy students are integrated into campus life and take advantage of the full student experience. The downtown campus is close to a wide variety of fun activities that help students understand American life and culture.





LynxDirect Pathway Program

Advance your knowledge and get ready for success at the University of Colorado Denver. LynxDirect is an accelerated pathway into your degree program that builds your English language skills while you save time and money.

LynxDirect is offered in the fall (August) and spring (January) semesters. The program starts with guaranteed admission to the highest level in CU Denver's ESL Academy. After completing ESL courses, you will take two undergraduate credit-bearing courses that fulfill core graduation requirements for your major.

First Semester at CU Denver (e.g. Fall 2024)	Second Semester (e.g. Spring 2025) & Beyond
Academic Home: CU Denver ESL Academy	Academic Home: Your Major
I-20: Pathway I-20	I-20: Degree I-20
ESL Academy Level 5 ▶ Credit-Bearing Courses ▶	Full-time bachelor's degree coursework

From day one, you'll be a part of the CU Denver community, where you'll learn from highly qualified faculty in a supportive, welcoming academic environment. Classes provide personalized attention in small class sizes. International Student Scholarships are available for the LynxDirect pathway program.

LYNXDIRECT ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS

- ▶ **IELTS:** Overall 6.0
- ▶ **TOEFL iBT:** Comprehensive 70

Simply visit internationaladmissions.ucdenver.edu and complete the online application for your major of choice. Then, send your transcripts to International Admissions. International Admissions will consider you for admission to LynxDirect if you have a TOEFL or IELTS score that meets the requirements. International Admissions will review your academic background and make an admission decision. Qualified students will be admitted to LynxDirect.





ESTIMATED COSTS

(USD) Figures based on the 2023-24 academic year.

Tuition & Fees*	\$11,611
Living Expenses	\$6,099
Books & Insurance	\$1,548
Total (I-20 Amount)	\$19,258

**Tuition and fees amounts are subject to change. Costs apply to the LynxDirect program (one semester). Upon completion, you will need to provide updated financial information based on the cost of your degree program. See the most current information by visiting esl.ucdenver.edu*



LEARN MORE ABOUT LYNXDIRECT:

Core Composition I; English 1020. (3 credits) Expand your ability to write for different purposes and audiences. Learn how to respond to a variety of rhetorical situations. Deepen your critical thinking skills and expression of ideas.

Fundamentals Of Communication; Communication 1011. (3 credits) Explore different models of communication. Learn more about interpersonal and nonverbal communication. Strengthen your analysis and decision-making abilities.

Pathway Class. (Non-credit) Continue to strengthen your English language proficiency skills. Improve your overall preparedness for the academic rigors of an American university.

Check back often with the ESL Academy, esl@ucdenver.edu, (303) 315-2383; new classes are in development. LynxDirect is available for the Fall and Spring semesters.

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