WELCOME TO CESL ORIENTATION
We’re happy you are here!

This presentation will give you information about studying at CESL and the University of Oklahoma.

Please ask us questions as we go – we want to help you adjust to studying and living in the US and CESL!

Visit our website to access this information at any time: https://esl.ou.edu/en/current-students/
Being a CESL Student

Welcome to Living and Learning at CESL!
Studying at CESL

Schedules and Classes
CESL Levels

- Foundation: 1, 2, 3
- Intermediate: 1, 2, 3
- Advanced: 1, 2, 3

- The tests you take today during orientation will help us find the best level for you.
- Your teachers will continue evaluating you in the first week.
- Please talk to your teachers on the first day of class if you have any concerns about your level.
CESL Student Schedule - Morning

9:00 – 9:50
Core Class
(Reading, Writing, or Listening/ Speaking)

10:00 – 10:50
Core Class
(Reading, Writing, or Listening/ Speaking)

11:00 – 11:50
Core Class
(Reading, Writing, or Listening/ Speaking)

11:50 – 12:00: Advising time with your 11:00 teacher
Advising teachers can help find answers about...

- **Schedule** changes
- **Housing** questions or problems
- **Problems** you are having in class
- **Questions** about policies or homework
- **Information** about Norman and Oklahoma

**Remember** - if you have a problem, **talk to your advising teacher first**
CESL Student Schedule - *Afternoon*

1:00 – 1:50

**Seminar**

1:50 – 2:00

Break time

2:00 – 2:50

**Seminar**

or

1:00 – 2:50

**Test Prep or Two-Hour Seminar**
Seminar Courses

One-Hour Seminars
Examples: Vocabulary Power, Everyday English, Grammar, Public Speaking

Two-Hour Seminars
These courses are for intermediate and advanced students.
Examples: American Culture, English for Math and Science, Business Communication

Test-Prep Courses
The 2-hour Test-Prep Courses include TOEFL iBT, and IELTS.
Test Preparation Courses: iBT and IELTS

- Only students in **Intermediate 2 and above** can take iBT and IELTS classes.

- You can take only **3 sessions of iBT and IELTS** while you are at CESL.

- **Graduate students** need to check the OU website for the specific test requirements for your major.
If you have already taken the IELTS or iBT, you MUST bring us a copy of your score so we can add it to your file.

If you have registered to take an upcoming exam, please let us know what date you are taking the test.
University Track

- OU requires the following test scores, AND 2 successful sessions at an advanced level at CESL for admission:
  - IELTS 5.5 or higher
  - iBT 61 or higher

- Madison Neumann (Cross D 205) is the University Track Advisor – see her with questions

- Please bring your most recent test score to your group leader tomorrow
Grading Policies

The standards expected of all CESL students
Letter Grades

- Passing grades = A, B, or C  (*UniTrack students need a B average in morning classes to be recommended by CESL*)
- Failing grades = D or F
- You will receive one final letter grade for each class at the end of every session
- You must get passing grades to remain at CESL
- A=90-100%  B=80-89%  C=70-79%  D=60-69%
  F=less than 69%
Attendance Policies

- CESL students are issued an F-1 student visa. As F-1 students, attendance is mandatory and monitored.

- 5 absences per class is the maximum – six or more absences in one class will result in an **automatic failing grade**.

- If you are **more than ten minutes late** you will be counted as absent.

- Talk to your teacher if you are absent - you have as many days as you were absent to make up missed **homework** for that day.

- You **cannot** make up a missed **test** or **quiz** unless you have a documented medical excuse or a TOEFL/IELTS receipt.
Language Exchange – Good Friends, Good Times!

- **Find** an American OU **language partner**!
- **Practice English** with them and learn American culture!
- **See Kylie in Cross D 217** if you are interested.
CESL Community Events

~ Movie nights, pro sports games, and more!

~ Check the events board on the ground floor of Cross D or see Kylie in Room D 217 for more information
Student Support Services at CESL

The programs and people that will help you succeed!
CESL Staff

Crissy Young, Administrative Assistant

Jaime Ladd, Receptionist
Vicki Farley,  
Admissions Specialist
If you fail a class, you will be automatically entered into Student Support Services for the next session.

If you are still not successful after two sessions, we will help you transfer to another school.

Your Support Services Advisor is Haley Vickers, located in Room D 301B

Please review the updated student handbook for more information. (Available week 1 and online at https://esl.ou.edu/en/current-students/)
Study hall is a place where CESL students can get extra help with their homework from CESL teachers. It is located in:

- Cross D, Room 315, on Mondays and Wednesdays, 3:00-4:55 p.m.
- Cross B, Room K476 on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:00-4:55 p.m.

Cross B & D Computer Labs – the computer labs are open Monday – Thursday 8:00-9:00, 12:00-1:00, 3:15-5:00; Friday 10:00-12:00
The U.S. Classroom

How to succeed!
U.S. classroom culture:

- Clothing and classrooms are friendly and informal, but we **expect you to work** during class.

- **All people** are treated the same way before, during and after class.

- **Respect your teachers** by coming to class on time, listening and participating during the lesson, and doing the work. Call them by their proper title – “Ms.” or “Mr.”

- **Respect your classmates** by listening to other people’s ideas and keeping an open mind about different opinions.
During a lesson:

- **Questions** are expected and appreciated.

- **Discussion during class is required** – remember to speak, not just listen.

- **If you disagree with something, you can say so** - polite disagreement is seen as the mark of a good student who is thinking for him/herself.

- **Being wrong is okay** - this applies to both teachers and students because we are all here to learn.
Your grade, your responsibility

- Grades are not negotiable. Once your teachers have recorded your grade, you cannot ask them to change it. You earn your grades.

- There is no extra credit given in CESL classes.

- You are responsible for asking your teacher the questions that are necessary in order for you to complete your assignments. Don’t be afraid to ask for help – you control your own learning experience!
The OU CESL Community

Important Policies for Living and Working Together
CESL Student Responsibilities

- **Maintain** your immigration status
- **Attend** all classes
- **Buy and bring** your required textbooks to class
- All books must be purchased by **Monday of Week 2**
- **Practice** English inside and outside of the classroom
- **Participate** in activities that will give you English practice
OU ID Cards

- **WHY:** You need an OU Student ID in order to access OU facilities, campus bus, or University web account.

- **WHERE:** Sooner Card Office -- OU Student Union, Room 127

- **WHEN:** Office hours are between 8:00 am-5:00 pm Monday through Friday (Wednesday 9:00-5:00)

- **REMEMBER:** Passport identification and $20 are required in order to get your card
You must **purchase a student parking permit** to park on campus.

More information can be found on OU’s website: [www.ou.edu/parking](http://www.ou.edu/parking)

A detailed parking **map** is here and in the hallway of Cross D, first floor.

You will get a **ticket** if you park at OU without a permit.

No parking permit? **Park at Reaves Park** – south of CESL on Jenkins Avenue.
Driver’s Licenses in Oklahoma

- A current, unexpired license from your home country is legal if it has your name on it.
- You cannot drive with an international driver’s license in Oklahoma.
- You must take written and driving tests to get an Oklahoma driver’s license.
- Driving without a valid license is illegal.
- You must purchase car insurance if you own a car.
CESL Personal Responsibilities:

- **Remember** to use deodorant and shower at home everyday.

- **Pay attention** to all signs in the restrooms. If the toilet is “Out of Order,” do not use it.

- **Use the trash cans** for chewing gum and anything else you wish to throw away.

- **Use the blue recycling bins** for aluminum cans and plastic bottles.
You already have OU medical insurance. It is included in your tuition and fees (or is part of your scholarship.)

Go to Goddard (the student health clinic) first, not the emergency room (See campus map - Building 40).

You should always keep your medical insurance card and OU ID with you to show when you need to go to the doctor.

You will receive your medical insurance card in the next few weeks.
Tobacco Policies

- Smoking is not allowed at CESL or anywhere on the OU campus.

- If you are caught smoking on campus you will be fined. This includes smoking in your parked car and outside of a school building.
Unacceptable behaviors

Although we all hope that the following subjects never become an issue, it is important to address them here on the first day.

If you would like to speak privately to someone for more information about these issues, please talk to your team leader after the presentation.
Alcohol and Illegal Drugs

- In the United States, you **must be 21 years** of age or older to drink.

- **However, even if you are 21, OU is a dry campus** - alcohol is not allowed on any university property.

- **Two or more offenses** in a semester mean you will have to **leave OU**.

- Illegal drug use is prohibited on campus and in the state of Oklahoma.
Misconduct and Harassment

Misconduct means **unacceptable behavior**. Examples are....

- **Invading personal space** – don’t get too close without asking
- **Threatening someone** – telling someone you will hurt them if they do not do what you want
- **Stalking** – following someone or trying to force them to spend time with you
- **Discrimination** – saying or acting like you are better than someone else because of their gender, race, religion, or sexual orientation. **Everyone is equal here.**

Misconduct and harassment will be reported and investigated at OU.
Sexual Violence

- **Spoken consent** must always be given before a sexual act.
- Do **not** engage in sexual acts with someone who has been **drinking**.
- If you or someone you know has been sexually assaulted, **report** the incident to the Campus Police, or tell a teacher you trust – **they can help you**.
Questions?

We want to answer any questions you have – remember, if you are confused, other people probably are too! Please ask!
Have a great session! We look forward to getting to know you!
Follow CESL on Social Media!

- **Facebook:** University of Oklahoma’s CESL
- **Twitter:** @OUCESL
- **Instagram:** [http://instagram.com/oucesl](http://instagram.com/oucesl)