



Saint Martin's
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ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER ENDORSEMENT

Pursue your endorsement at Saint Martin's

The English Language Learner (ELL) Endorsement program is a five-course program designed primarily for pre-service and certified teachers who wish to obtain their ELL Endorsement. Enrollment is open to anyone interested in learning more about evidence-based practices for ELLs. The ELL Endorsement must be added to an existing valid teaching certificate.

The program helps prepare candidates for success on the required WEST-E Test and provides multiple opportunities to acquire knowledge and skills such as:

- the stages of second language acquisition
- the history and legislation of bilingual education
- the use of SDAIE (Specially Designed Academic Instruction in English) and the SIOP Model (Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol) in lesson planning and delivery
- the teaching of reading, writing, and grammar to speakers of other languages

With an ELL Endorsement, teachers are qualified to work with ELLs in pre-school through grade 12 and assist fellow teachers in meeting the unique needs of ELLs.

Did you know?

- By 2025, 1 in 4 students will be initially classified as ELLs.
- In Washington state there are 3,252 ELLs for every ELL-endorsed teacher.

Interested in applying? Contact:

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How to apply

Candidates must pass the WEST-E in English Language Learners in order to apply for the add-on endorsement.

Visit stmartin.edu/ell for more information about the ELL Endorsement and how to apply.

Core requirements (15 credits)

Saint Martin's courses were designed with an overall social justice framework. Specific emphases include:

- principles of second language acquisition
- foundations of English as a new language (ENL) instruction
- effective teaching methods and assessments for ELLs
- legislation that affects these students' education

ED 423/ MED 523: English Language Learner Practicum (3)

ED 425/ MED 525: Issues and Trends in English Language Learner and Bilingual Education (3)

ED 426/ MED 526: Methods of Teaching Language Acquisition (3)

ED 427/ MED 527: Sociolinguistics and Language Teaching: Theory and Practice (3)

ED 428/ MED 528: Reading Instruction for English Language Learners (3)