

Transfer Planning Sheet Teaching English as a Second Language (ESL)

The following Cortland courses are recommended by the department to complete prior to transfer. The transfer credit limit from a 2-year college is 64 credits. All classes are three (3) credits unless otherwise noted. [SUNY Transfer Path](#) courses are underlined and notated in blue.

SUNY General Education/Cortland Degree Requirements (36-37 credits):

1. Any GE 1 Quantitative Skills
2. Any GE 2 Natural Science (3-4 cr)
3. GE 4 U.S. History & Society: HIS 200 The United States to 1877 *OR*
HIS 201 The United States since 1877
4. Any GE 6 Contrasting Cultures/Other World Civilization
5. Any GE 7 Humanities
6. Any GE 8 The Arts
7. Any GE 9 Foreign Language**
8. CPN 100 Writing Studies I
9. CPN 101 Writing Studies II

Course I will complete at my current college:

Major Requirements (9 credits):

1. HLH 110 Personal and Community Health
2. PSY 101 Introductory Psychology (will also fulfill GE 3 Social Science)
3. PSY 231 Child Psychology *OR* PSY 232 Adolescent Psychology

Electives (18-19 credits)

Total: 64

A foreign language course at the intermediate level II (202) is required for this major. Sign language is **NOT acceptable as a foreign language for this major.

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School of Arts and Sciences

The program requirements pertain to the Undergraduate Catalog and are intended as a guide for academic planning. Students currently on SUNY campuses should consult their academic advisor for additional choices in general education categories when any course is recommended.

- To view all required courses for the program and Cortland's General Education courses, see the most current undergraduate [Catalog](#).
- Use the [transfer equivalency tables](#) to choose equivalents at your transfer college.
- If you plan to transfer before you complete your associate's degree, you can still earn your degree via [Reverse Transfer](#).

About Teaching English as a Second Language

For people who live in the United States and don't know English well, life can be tough. Even taking a bus or buying a soft drink becomes a challenge — let alone succeeding in school or at work. Luckily, teachers certified to teach English to non-English speakers can help. These instructors love knowing that every single lesson makes a huge difference in their students' ability to get through the day. If you too want to make a direct, positive impact on people's lives, you may want to consider teaching English as Second Language (ESL).

Career Potential

- Public school ESL teacher
- ESL instructor in the private sector or overseas

What Will I Learn?

Develop the content area knowledge and the pedagogical background to teach English as a Second Language

- In public school K-12 classrooms with the certification major
- In the private sector with the non-certification major

Applying to Cortland

- SUNY Cortland accepts the Common Application and the SUNY Online [application](#). Choose just one way to apply; both require a \$50 non-refundable application fee.
- If you apply to Cortland using the SUNY application, SUNY will waive the \$50 application fee for transfer students graduating with an associate degree from a SUNY or CUNY college, who apply directly to Cortland for baccalaureate programs.
- Fall applicants should apply by March 1. Spring applications should apply by November 1.
- After [applying](#), students must send transcripts from all colleges attended and a high school transcript.