

The Internet and its burgeoning applications continue to enfold more and more cities and individuals into a single international village, the *lingua franca* of which is English. The Center for International English for Speakers of Other Languages (CIESOL, pronounced "seesol") is envisioned to be a leading provider of ESOL training to the members of this global village.

CIESOL draws upon the strengths of its mother unit, the Br. Andrew Gonzalez FSC College of Education (BAGCED) of De La Salle University (DLSU), the academic departments of which conduct innovative research in English language education, applied linguistics, educational psychology, educational technology, and educational leadership, among others. CIESOL in turn plays a major role in the internationalization of BAGCED.

CIESOL provides unparalleled, cost-effective ESOL training and related services at the beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels to groups as well as individuals in ASEAN+3 universities and other institutions that have memoranda of understanding or agreement with DLSU/BAGCED. It has campuses in Manila and Laguna. DLSU maintains position in 2023 THE World University Rankings. For the fifth straight year, De La Salle University is among the world's top universities according to the 2023 edition of the Times Higher Education World University Rankings. It retains its last year's standing in the 1,201-1,500 bracket. Providing the services are highly qualified teachers who have graduate degrees in language education or related fields, as well as teaching certification and ESOL experience.

Following health safety protocols, the University went into online distance learning as an emergency measure when the COVID-19 pandemic broke out in March 2020. With significantly improved conditions in recent months, we are moving towards a wider implementation of onsite/face-to-face classes starting January 2023. The CIESOL Language Learning Program provides detailed information on our three-week intensive ESOL and ESP courses. This program comprises 30 hours of interactive and engaging onsite/in-person classes based on individual, pair, and/or small group activities.

At the completion of this program, the students' ability and confidence in communicating in English in social situations will have greatly improved. Based on satisfactory class performance and attendance (80% = 24 hours), deserving students are awarded a Certificate of Completion and holistic (qualitative and quantitative) evaluation at the end of the program.



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The minimum age of CIESOL participants is 18 years. To ascertain their level of English language ability, all students are required to undertake onsite/in-person placement test/s (depending on which ESL course/s they intend to enroll in):

English Grammar - 30 minutes

Reading Comprehension and Vocabulary Development - 45 minutes

Writing Skills – 60 minutes /1 hour (Only given to students who get 43 points or more in their English Grammar test).

A student may enroll in a minimum of one (1) and a maximum of three (3) onsite/in-person ESOL course/s per month.

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