Welcome!
English as a Second Language (ESL) Program

MiraCosta College
Community Learning Center
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Meet our Dean Alketa Wojcik

- Alketa Wojcik is from Albania.
- She moved to the USA in 1994 to learn English.
- Alketa says “I love everything about MiraCosta. I love all the possibilities it has given me, including the possibility of building a life here in the United States.”
Welcome Message from our President
Dr. Francisco Rodriguez

“When I was 3 years old, I came to the USA from Mexico and I didn’t speak any English. During my first year, I didn’t say anything at school, but after I learned English, nobody could stop me from talking because I felt confident.”
Welcome Message from our President
Dr. Francisco Rodriguez

“At MiraCosta College our students begin by learning English, by learning how to write, how to speak well, and from here they go on to do wonderful things.”
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“Our expectation is very-very high that you are going to succeed and we are going to do everything we can to make sure that that happens.”

“Welcome to MiraCosta College and we look forward to seeing you at graduation.”
You are taking an important step toward reaching your educational goals!

- ESL classes will meet your needs!
- There are 7 levels of ESL instruction.
- You are going to take a test to help us determine the best class for you.
• You will be placed into a class.
• If there is no space available, you will be put on a waiting list.
• We will telephone you when there is an opening in the class.
When you complete your ESL studies - Don't stop! You have so many other opportunities!
Hello! I’m Mary Gross, the Lead Instructor for the Credit ESL program. When you are in Level 6 and 7, I will come visit your class to tell you about our program and classes.

For students who want to advance their English to an even higher level or earn a college degree or certificate, the Credit ESL program is here to help you succeed!

Visit our website:
https://www.miracosta.edu/Instruction/ESL/index.htm
Contact me! mgross@miracosta.edu (760) 757-2121 x 6586
Different Programs for Different Student Goals

- General ESL
- Vocational ESL
- Citizenship
- Distance Learning
- Conversation Classes
- Digital StoryTelling
- Saturday Classes
- Computer Lab classes
Your student information sheet is important!

Your information sheet has necessary information about...

- Attendance Rules
- School Calendar
- What to do when you can’t attend class

Please keep this paper!
The Schedule

- Fall, Spring, and Summer ESL terms are 8 weeks long.
- Most fall, spring, and summer classes meet four times per week, Monday - Thursday.

- Morning session: 8:30 - 11:45 a.m.
- Afternoon session: 12:00 - 3:15 p.m.
  3:20 – 5:00 p.m.
- Evening session: 6:00 - 9:15 p.m.
- Saturday session: 8:30 – 12:05 p.m.
Communicate with your teacher!

If you cannot attend class, call (760) 795-8710 to report your absence. If no one answers, leave a message. Speak slowly and clearly.

Be sure to say:
• Your name
• Your teacher’s name
• Your classroom number
• Reason for absence
Schedule Changes

If you need to stop taking a class or your schedule changes:

- Talk to your teacher

- Your teacher can help you move to another class or get a wait list ticket for the next session
Counselors are Available

They are here to help you reach your goals:

- **Educational** -- Information about college and vocational training
- **Career** -- How to choose and prepare for a career and apply for jobs
- **Cultural** -- Procedures and what is expected of you in the United States
- **Personal** -- Relationships and family concerns
Support Services for you:

Academic Tutoring Center
- Visit a tutor to get help with your homework, grammar, writing, listening and speaking skills.

Open Computer Lab, 133
- Finish your homework, check your email, and practice typing.
Bookstore

- You are expected to buy your book during the first two weeks of each term
Front Desk

• Ask Questions – Support staff can answer your questions or help direct you to the appropriate person for assistance.
Visit the Front Desk to:

- Complete Change of Information Form
- Request Verification of Enrollment
- Purchase a parking permit
- Purchase an ID card
- Purchase a bus pass
Campus police are here to help you

- If you do not feel safe for any reason, talk to one of our campus police officers immediately! They are here for your safety.

- **Reminder:** Weapons of any kind are not permitted on campus. That includes pocket knives.
Parking

- Do not forget to purchase a parking permit.
- Police officers will ticket your car.
- Cost: 50¢ per day or $17.50 for 16 weeks
Our librarian Richard Ma is also here to help you:

- get books, CD, DVDs, and other resources from the OCN and SEC campus libraries
- find valuable information
- familiarize you with all of the electronic resources the library has to offer
We are proud of our building!

Please...

- take care of all college property
- do not write on desks, tables, doors, or walls
- keep our building beautiful
Food and drinks are permitted...

- in the student lounge
- in the atrium
- outside the building

*Only water in closed containers is permitted in hallways and classrooms*
Meet some of our ESL Full-Time Faculty

From left to right: Eli Clarke, Ruth Gay, and Kristy Reyes
Thank you!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask!

Sylvia Ramirez with some VESL students.

Our President Dr. Francisco Rodriguez visiting the CLC.
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