## EASE: ENHANCED ACADEMIC SUPPORT IN ENGLISH

# EASE Program for English Language Learners

Monroe University has a long and proud history of educating newly arriving immigrants, speakers of other languages, and students whose prior education was in a bilingual format. A recognized leader in urban and international education, especially for first-generation students, the University understands the academic challenges new students often face, especially when English is not their primary language.

The EASE Program is a comprehensive academic and personal support program that provides non-native English speakers a pathway to earning a college degree as fully matriculated students while improving their English language skills. The EASE Program provides the support and guidance necessary for students to increase their English competency while simultaneously taking credited classes in their major area of study. From the beginning, EASE courses build listening, reading, speaking, and writing skills, using materials that include major-specific course content. Students' English language skills substantially improve as they progress in their chosen major and succeed in their other academic courses.

Our English Language Learners find dedicated faculty and staff who will help them transition into an all-English college-level learning environment. They have access to academic support services, tutoring, hands-on language skills labs, a knowledgeable academic advisor, and a caring personal mentor.

#### Students choose from one of the following majors:

- Accounting (https://catalog.monroeu.edu/catalog/schoolsacademic-programs/business-accounting/accounting-aas/ #requirementstext)
- Baking and Pastry Arts (https://catalog.monroeu.edu/catalog/ schools-academic-programs/hospitality-management/baking-pastryarts-aas/#requirementstext)
- Business Administration (https://catalog.monroeu.edu/catalog/ schools-academic-programs/business-accounting/businessadministration-aas/#requirementstext)
- Criminal and Social Justice (https://catalog.monroeu.edu/catalog/ schools-academic-programs/criminal-social-justice/criminal-justiceas/#requirementstext)
- Culinary Arts (https://catalog.monroeu.edu/catalog/schoolsacademic-programs/hospitality-management/culinary-arts-aas/ #requirementstext)
- Computer Information Systems (https://catalog.monroeu.edu/ catalog/schools-academic-programs/information-technology/ computer-information-systems-as/#requirementstext)
- Hospitality Management (https://catalog.monroeu.edu/catalog/ schools-academic-programs/hospitality-management/hospitalitymanagement-aas/#requirementstext)
- Human Services (https://catalog.monroeu.edu/catalog/schoolsacademic-programs/criminal-social-justice/human-services-as/ #requirementstext)
- Medical Administration (https://catalog.monroeu.edu/catalog/ schools-academic-programs/allied-health-professions/medicaladministration-aas/#requirementstext)

 Sports Management (https://catalog.monroeu.edu/catalog/schoolsacademic-programs/business-accounting/sports-management-aas/ #requirementstext)

Note: Click on the program above to see the specific program requirements for each associate degree. Note the recommended sequence of courses for EASE students may vary from what appears on the program pages.

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### The EASE Journey

The EASE journey begins with the August Bridge Semester. This is an opportunity for students to be introduced to Monroe University and the EASE program. It also provides an opportunity to evaluate a prospective student's readiness to succeed as a matriculated college student. The focus is on skills in reading, writing, grammar, conversation, and critical thinking. The goal is to ensure students have the potential to succeed in college-level coursework with all the support services provided by the EASE Program. Upon demonstrating the required level of proficiency, students are enrolled in the associate degree program of choice. Once students have earned their associate's degree, they may be eligible to transition into a bachelor's degree program.

#### **Required English Courses**

| Code   | Title   | Credits |
|--------|---|---------|
| EN-042 | English Fundamentals With Lab II (non-credit) | 0       |
| EN-043 | Academic Reading & Vocabulary II (non-credit) | 0       |
| EN-075 | Developmental English Skills (non-credit)     | 0       |
| EN-111 | College Writing and Critical Analysis         | 3       |
| EN-206 | Professional Writing and Presentation         | 3       |
| EN-250 | EASE Capstone                                 | 3       |