



SAN MATEO
COLLEGES
of Silicon Valley

INTERNATIONAL ESL PATHWAY PROGRAM (IESL) AT CAÑADA COLLEGE



IESL PATHWAY → SMCSV → UNIVERSITY



Why Choose the IESL Pathway Program at Cañada College?

- Ideal location in Silicon Valley
- Close to San Francisco/San Jose
- Beautiful campus with state-of-the-art facilities
- Homestay program and housing assistance
- 50+ institutional scholarships





Bella Zhang

Major: Math

Transfer Pathway:

ESL → Cañada College → UC Berkeley

Current Position: Software Engineer, Meta

"I began my journey in the ESL program at Cañada College, where I improved my English before studying mathematics. I then transferred to UC Berkeley to continue my education. I chose to attend community college first and then transfer to UC Berkeley because it was both affordable and a great way to prepare for success. As an international student, I benefited from the small class sizes, personalized support from faculty, and guidance from my peers. When I first arrived, my English and understanding of American culture were limited, but the supportive environment helped me grow academically and personally. By the time I transferred to UC Berkeley, I felt confident, well-prepared, and ready to succeed. Looking back, choosing the community college pathway was one of the best decisions I made."

ESL CREDITS + COLLEGE CREDITS = FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT

10 units

2-6 units

12-16 units

IESL Program Highlight

- Accelerate your degree: earn up to 18 transferable credits while studying English
- Program duration: 1-3 semesters
- Pathway completion guarantees admission to SMCSV colleges, fulfilling the English proficiency requirement
- Study alongside U.S. and international students in a diverse global community
- Highly qualified college ESL faculty with advanced degrees and extensive teaching experience
- Access to all college resources including Athletic Center, Library, Tutoring, and Health Center
- Eligible to work on campus while you study
- Enjoy a vibrant campus life with student clubs and organizations

Admission Requirements

- ☐ Age requirement (16+)
- ☐ Official Financial Documents (minimum \$32,500)
- ☐ Official High School Transcripts
- ☐ Official High School Diploma (if under 18 years old)

No Application Fee

Application Deadlines

Term	New Student	Transfer Student
Fall	Jul 1	Aug 1
Spring	Nov 15	Jan 1

Annual Cost

Expenses	Cost per Year
Tuition Fees*	\$ 10,584
Health Insurance	\$ 2,631
Living Expenses	\$ 13,750
Other Expenses	\$ 5,535
Total	\$ 32,500

* 12 units x 2 semesters \$441 per unit

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