

ESL GOOD NEWS

Mt. San Antonio College | English as a Second Language

Spring 2022 Edition



Message from the Director

Welcome to the spring semester! We're excited to continue classes both in-person and online this semester, as well as looking forward to bringing back more in person support services and programs as more and more students return to campus. Here's an overview of what you can expect to see this semester:

New Opportunities!

Pronunciation and Reading Courses: We're now offering 3 levels of pronunciation and speaking skills courses. Our traditional speaking and writing courses will meet weeks 1-7 during the Skills Session 1. Pronunciation and reading will be offered weeks 9-15 during Skills Session 2. You'll be able to register for these courses a few weeks before they begin, so pay attention to your email for more details.

Grammar and Vocabulary Courses: We're also offering 3 levels of a grammar and vocabulary review courses Saturdays on campus. This is a great course for students who want to focus specifically on improving these skills. Contact registration for information on how to register.

Career & Food Assistance

America's Job Center of California (AJCC) Representative: Staff from the AJCC will be in building 66 on Tuesday mornings between 8:30 am - 3:30 pm. The AJCC helps students locate employment opportunities and gain workforce skills. Look for their table near registration if you need help finding a job or want to do career-specific training.

CalFresh Representative: CalFresh is an organization that helps students by providing access to free food. A CalFresh Ambassador will be in building 66 on Monday evenings from 6:00 - 9:00 pm to help connect students with this program.

Vocational English: We also have many resources for you to improve your professional skills. Our VESL Program is a great opportunity for advanced level students to transition to more training or better jobs. We also offer English for Specific Uses courses that help you learn the English you need to work in Real Estate, Accounting, and Health related fields. Contact a counselor (eslcounseling@mtsac.edu) for more information.

Thanks for joining us again this spring – we look forward to serving you and helping you reach your goals!

Jody Fernando

Director, English Language Learners

INFO TO KNOW

TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANCE

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**NEED ONLINE HELP?
REACH OUT TO US!**

The School of Continuing Education Student Online Support (SCE SOS) Team offers LIVE, one-on-one assistance to noncredit students who need help with ANY/ALL technology questions.

HELP WITH:


- Mt. SAC Portal
- Canvas
- Zoom
- Vaccination/Testing Requirement Info.

HOURS:

- Monday-Thursday:
 - 9am-1pm AND 3pm-7:30pm
- Friday:
 - 8am-3pm

HOW TO REACH US:

 Zoom: <https://mtsac-edu.zoom.us/j/95117998111>

 Email: sce@mtsac.edu

LEARNING

LANGUAGE LEARNING CENTER (LLC)

Do you want extra help improving your English? Simply scan the QR code below or go to Building 77-1005 and visit the [Language Learning Center \(mtsac.edu\)](https://www.mtsac.edu/llc/) to sign-up. You can practice using language learning software such as Rosetta Stone, Mango, Native Accent Pronunciation, and Focus on Grammar. Once you register you can also get help using homework sites, educational videos, and DVD's.

If you have questions or want to find out more about the Language Learning Center and the services available, visit <https://www.mtsac.edu/llc/> or call them at (909) 274-4580.

FOLLOW 3 SIMPLE STEPS TO BEGIN YOUR LEARNING JOURNEY!



LLC
ESL
CANVAS

<https://tinyurl.com/LLCESLcanvas>

Step 1 

Step 2 LOG IN TO MT. SAC
PORTAL

Step 3 CLICK "ENROLL IN
COURSE"



STUDENT TIPS

LEARNING STYLES

Did you know everyone has their own learning style? Each person's learning style is unique and personalized! Everyone develops their own learning style through trial and error and eventually, you will find what works best for you! Today, we share with you 7 unique learning styles.

Visual

Visual learners often learn well by using pictures, diagrams, and graphs. They often benefit when using symbols, boxes, charts, and colors in their notes.

Verbal

Verbal learners use techniques such as reciting information out loud, writing your own notes, and highlighting key points. If you have a passion for words, writing, tongue twisters, or rhymes, this may indicate that this learning style is for you.

Aural

Aural learning involves using sound and music. Auditory learners develop understanding and memory through hearing and listening. Individuals who like this technique find it easier to understand spoken instructions compared to reading instructions.

Physical

Physical learning involves using your body and sense of touch to learn. Physical learners learn by doing, touching, moving, building, and other "hands-on" activities. If you find it difficult to sit still for long periods of time, chances are you are a physical learner.

Logical

Logical learners learn by asking a lot of questions. Logical learners want to understand the whole picture. They are natural thinkers who learn by classifying, categorizing, and thinking abstractly about patterns and relationships.

Social

Social learners prefer to learn in groups rather than on their own and like generating ideas by brainstorming with others. If you like taking part in group sports and prefer social activities rather than doing things on your own, you may be a social learner.

Solitary

Solitary learners tend to be more independent and introspective, spending a lot of time on their own, and enjoying their own company. If you enjoy spending time alone, keeping a journal or engaging in self-analysis to gain a deeper understanding of yourself, you may be a solitary learner.

Now that you are familiar with 7 different styles of learning, which type(s) resonate with you? Make sure to try these techniques out during the Spring semester!

References

"Wabisabi Learning." *Wabisabi Learning*, <https://wabisabilearning.com/>



HIGHLIGHTS

STUDENT SUPPORT

- Are you looking for a job?*
- Do you need help preparing for a job interview?*
- Do you need help getting food or finding a local food bank?*
- Are you having trouble paying your utility bills?*
- Have you been affected by fires, power shut offs or other disasters?*

If you answered yes to any of these questions, look for a resource table which will be set up in the ESL Registration Lobby area located in Building 66. A representative from American Job Center and CalFresh will be available to answer any questions you may have. **(Please note that the information provided each day will differ as the services will be provided by two different programs).* They will be available to assist anyone interested in filling out an application, checking to see if you qualify for services offered and answer any questions you may have.

** Note - a schedule with days and times will be posted in the CGC and the ESL Lobby area upon availability.*



CALFRESH OUTREACH AMBASSADOR

Basic Needs Resources



~A federally funded program wanting to help low income families and individuals purchase groceries ~

What I can help you with: **I'm at the ESL Lobby on:**

Application Help
Prescreen Eligibility
Appeals Assistance
Interview Preparation
Recertification Help
Questions about Cal Fresh

Mondays
6PM-9PM

Tuesdays
11AM-1:30PM

Helping you is my priority!

Contact:

Stephany Rosales

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smurillo27@mtsac.edu

Located in Building 40 -138



For a Calendly appointment scan QR Code below



America's JobCenter
of CaliforniaSM

“I CAN HELP YOU!”

My name is Marisela Limon. I can help with the following and more for FREE

(upon meeting eligibility)

Job leads
Resume
Cover letter
Work attire
Chromebook
Utility bills



You can reach me at (909) 326-4790 or email: mlimon@mcs-careergroup.com

“Come visit me on Tuesdays from 11am to 1pm in the ESL Lobby area. I'll be at a table with a blue table banner.”

COVID-19 REGULATIONS

MESSAGE FROM DR. SCROGGINS MT. SAC PRESIDENT

Spring Deadlines for Students

This Spring semester, COVID-19 vaccinations will continue to be required for students taking ON-CAMPUS classes, whether they are in-person or hybrid. Fully online students are exempt from this requirement. The deadlines are:

- Feb. 11 at 7:59 p.m. – COVID-19 vaccination medical and religious exemption forms due
- Feb. 11 at 7:59 p.m. – Evidence of first COVID-19 dose due
- Feb. 17 at 2 p.m. – Evidence of first COVID-19 dose due for newly added students
- March 25 at 2 p.m. – Evidence of second COVID-19 dose due

PROOF OF VACCINATION

For spring students, evidence of a first COVID-19 vaccine dose is due Feb. 11 at 7:59 p.m. and evidence of the second dose is due March 25 at 2 p.m. Students who have previously submitted proof of COVID-19 vaccination through their custom Cleared4 link *do not* need to submit evidence again. However, if they receive new booster doses, an option to upload those records will soon be available. Students who do not upload evidence into Cleared4 risk getting dropped from their in-person and hybrid classes. Those who cannot find their custom link can [request another link to their Cleared4 account](#).

MEDICAL AND RELIGIOUS EXEMPTIONS

Unvaccinated students who wish to attend an in-person or hybrid class on campus and cannot be vaccinated because of a medical reason or sincerely held religious belief must submit an online [Request for Medical Exemption](#) or [Request for Religious Exemption](#) by Feb. 11 at 2 p.m. Those who previously received an exemption, do NOT have to apply again each term.

BOOSTERS AND STAYING UP TO DATE

It is important to stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines and get boosters when you are eligible. Booster doses should be taken 5 months after the second dose of a Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or 2 months after a Johnson & Johnson dose. Individuals can choose which vaccine to receive as a booster dose. Learn more through the [Los Angeles County Public Health vaccine website](#). Appointments for a vaccination or booster dose can be made at <https://myturn.ca.gov> as well as through major pharmacy chains.

STAY INFORMED

FACTS TO KNOW AND WHERE TO GO

Wednesday Vaccination Clinics

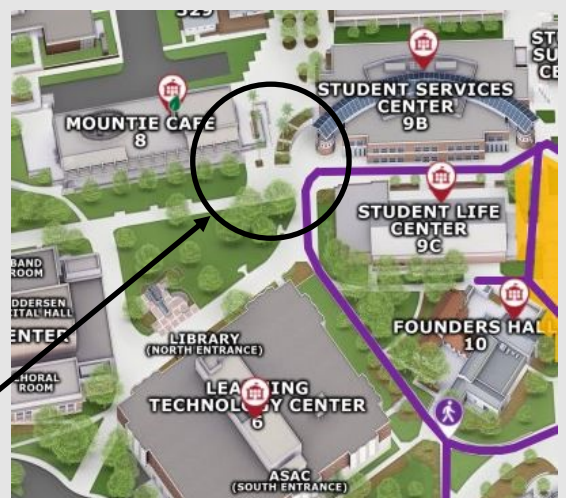
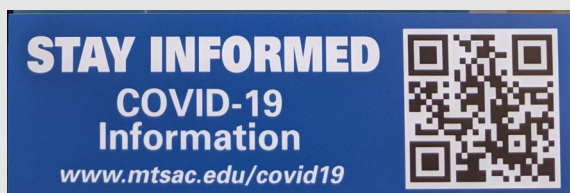
Mt. SAC is again offering convenient on-campus COVID-19 vaccination clinics every **Wednesday through March 30** from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Kerr's Corner, near the Library entrance and Mountie Café. Appointments can be made through the Fulgent website at vaccine.fulgentgenetics.com. (*One clinic will be held on Thursday March 17th instead of Wednesday March 16th). If you have any questions regarding the clinics or the school regulations regarding vaccine mandates you may email us at vaxortest@mtsac.edu.

Pediatric doses for children 5-17 require an appointment, a parent/guardian to be present, and evidence of age.

Booster shots are available for anyone 12 years and older. These booster doses should be taken at least 5 months after the second dose of a Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or at least 2 months after a Johnson & Johnson dose. Individuals can choose which vaccine to receive as a booster dose.

The COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective. They are also free, regardless of insurance and immigration status. Individuals just need to bring proof of age, using any official document that shows their name and date of birth, such as a California ID, Medicare card, passport from any country, birth certificate, membership card, or immunization record.

The Mt. SAC Path to Recovery email provides the college a summary of large-scale efforts from the college to navigate the COVID-19 crisis, including its related economic impact. For more information, visit the COVID-19 Public Health website at www.mtsac.edu/covid19. Students with questions may contact: vaxortest@mtsac.edu or (909)274-5122



Kerr's Corner-COVID-19 vaccination clinic

PARKING

PERMITS FOR SPRING 2022

Taking an in-person class for Spring 2022? Once you have registered and are ready to attend in person class make sure to submit a request to obtain a parking permit! A parking permit is required for student commuters and parking regulations are enforced in all parking lots during the Spring semester. **Student Permits are valid only in the Student Parking Lots.**

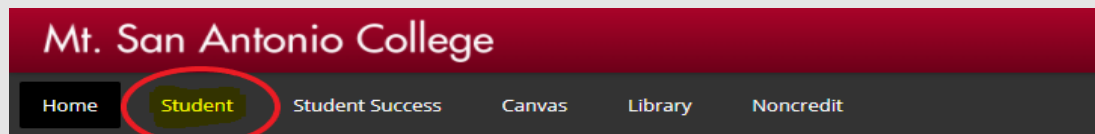
****NOTE****

Before submitting your request for a parking permit, you will need to know your license plate number, car make and car model.

To obtain a Spring 2022 student parking permit go to www.mtsac.edu And sign in to your Mt. Sac student portal (or scan the QR code)



Click on “Student Tab”



Student Account

- 24. Account Summary (Year to Date Totals)
- 25. Pay Fees
- 26. Account Detail for Term
- 27. Statement and Payment History
- 28. Select Tax Year
- 29. Tax Notification
- 30. View Holds
- 31. Purchase a Parking Permit

Fill out all your information! Make sure to double check your address before submitting.

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Check your Mt. Sac student email to print out your 10 day temporary parking pass.

- ♦ Keep an eye out for your official parking permit. It will be mailed to you!
- ♦ Make sure to properly display your parking permit. The student parking permit must be displayed on the rear-view mirror.
- ♦ Day use parking permit must be placed face up on the vehicle’s drivers’ side dashboard.

If you have any questions, concerns, or need assistance, please feel free to visit the ESL Registration counter or see a counselor in the CGC!

If you would like to request the parking permit directly through the company. Provided for you is the link to purchase with the third party vendor.

https://pm_gapcollegepermit.getapermit.net/campus-information-details?s=51b76341-389e-4f56-9ddc-fafcd4199975

MONEY FOR COLLEGE

TO PAY FOR CREDIT CLASSES

ESL SCHOLARSHIP



Due March 18th, 2022 by 4PM

The Mt. San Antonio College ESL Scholarship Committee would like to invite Level 4, 5, 6, and VESL students who are planning on taking credit classes to apply for 1 of 3 \$500 scholarships.

We invite applicants who:

- Are currently or have been in Level 4, 5, 6 or VESL student with fewer than 6 units of credit
- Have attended at least 12 weeks of a semester and have passed an ESL Level class (with Priority Status)
- Are planning and are eligible to attend credit classes in Fall 2022

Requirements include:

- An essay describing your educational and career goals, potential for success in credit classes, and the obstacles you have overcome in becoming a successful student
- Successful completion of an ESL level class with good attendance
- Two letters of recommendation

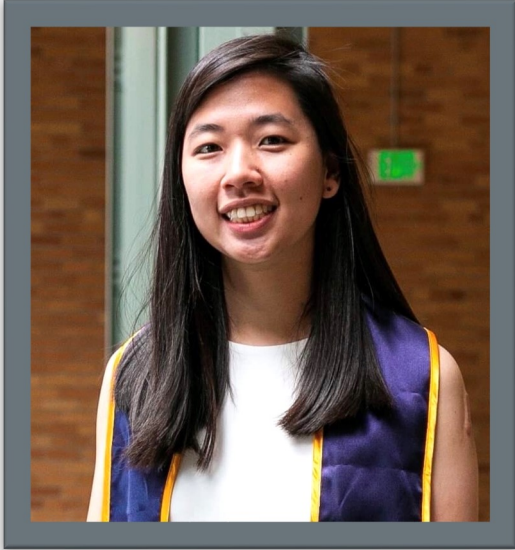


If you are interested in applying go to the ESL website <http://eslmtsac.edu> and click on the "ESL Scholarship" link or scan the QR code. If you need assistance, please contact ESLCounseling@mtsac.edu



ESL COUNSELING TEAM

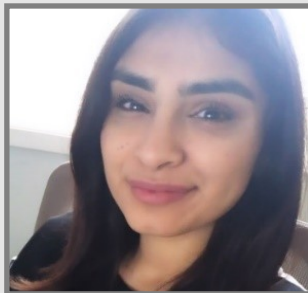
WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO FOR ESL STUDENTS



Meet Samantha Wang, one of the Counselors on the ESL Counseling Team. Samantha attended Citrus Community College before transferring to UC Berkeley where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology (B.A.). After graduating, she attended Azusa Pacific University and received her Masters of Science in College Counseling and Student Development (M.S.). Samantha enjoys working with ESL students, as she was also part of the ESL community and understands the hardships our students face as they learn a new language. She moved to the United States when she was 12 years old and attended ESL classes as a native Mandarin Chinese speaker. Being in a new country and having to learn a new language, she set goals for herself and worked hard to get where she is today. In her spare time, Samantha likes to read, try out new restaurants and spend time with her dog “ —. Her advice to students is to never afraid to ask questions! Counselors are here to help students and we also love getting to know you all!



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ESL COUNSELING TEAM

IS HERE TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS

Counseling Services Career Guidance Center (CGC)

Counselors are available to meet with students both face-to-face or online. Students can request an appointment with a counselor at <https://www.mtsac.edu/esl/counseling.html>. Orientation and testing is now open on campus in Building 66. Check the registration website at <https://www.mtsac.edu/esl/contactus.html> for current details

Educational Planning

Interview Practice

Job Search Skills

Resume Services

VESL Program

Apply to Credit

Career Exploration

Program Requirements

Financial Aid

Degree Evaluation

TOEFL

Citizenship

Credit ESL

Problems/Concerns

General Questions

The New Student Orientation Guide provides ESL students information about the ESL Program, helpful resources, important information for you to know. To view the guide, visit https://www.mtsac.edu/esl/student_services/orientation.html.

Scan me!



To make an appointment with an ESL Counselor, please complete the Counseling Appointment Request Form by visiting <https://www.mtsac.edu/esl/counseling.html> or email us at ESLCounseling@mtsac.edu.

Scan me!



Coronavirus (COVID-19) Requirements

Vaccination Evidence

Are you on campus? Use your Cleared4 account to upload vaccination evidence. New students can claim their account about 48 hours after they register for classes.

[Health Verification - CLEARED4](#)

COVID-19 Testing

If you are testing weekly, tests need to be completed every 7 days. If you are testing weekly, use your Cleared4 account to make an appointment. See testing times and locations using the Covid19 Resource site <https://www.mtsac.edu/covid19/index.html>.

[Student Requirements](#) <https://www.mtsac.edu/covid19/student-resources.html>

[Employee Requirements](#) <https://www.mtsac.edu/covid19/employee-resources.html>

Report Covid-19 Symptoms and exposure

This triggers campus responses, including contact tracing. If you have any COVID-19 symptoms or exposure, report by filling out the Health Check form, call (909) 274-6900 or Email at contracttracing@mtsac.edu

[Student Health Check](https://www.mtsac.edu/covid19/student-health-check.html) <https://www.mtsac.edu/covid19/student-health-check.html>

[Employee Health Check](http://www.mtsac.edu/covid19/employee-health-check.html) <http://www.mtsac.edu/covid19/employee-health-check.html>

Visitor Screening

Visitors to campus must complete a Health Screening BEFORE coming to campus.

[Visitor Screening](https://www.mtsac.edu/covid19/visitor-screen.html) <https://www.mtsac.edu/covid19/visitor-screen.html>

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