The Arizona Law
ESL Bridge Program
Who is the Arizona Law ESL Bridge Program for?

- International students who are seeking full-time admission to Arizona Law’s JD with Advanced Standing Program (JDAS), which is an accelerated 2-year JD program for non-U.S. lawyers, or Arizona Law’s LLM in International Trade and Business Law program, but who are lacking the minimum English requirement.
- International students already admitted to an Arizona Law degree program, but who would like to be better prepared to begin their degree program.
- Applicants who have scores of 80 TOEFL iBT or 6.0 IELTS.
- Students already admitted to a law degree program at another American university who are interested in preparing their English language to succeed at law school.
- Practicing lawyers who would like to improve their legal English and their understanding of US law practice.
Description of ESL Bridge Programs

ESL Bridge programs at the UA consist of:

- Sheltered English immersion, credit-bearing courses offered at the Center for English as a Second Language (ESL) and the Outreach College (academic/credit-bearing, undergraduate, Pre-law courses)

- The academic courses are taught by Arizona Law faculty and are supported by a series of ESL courses acting as a support or bridge

- The number of total clock hours per week is 20

- The curriculum is designed as a bridge to Arizona Law programs, including the JD with Advanced Standing program or LLM in International Trade and Business Law program, or other law programs in the US; academic courses are taught at the undergraduate level and do not transfer to graduate coursework taken after admission to the Arizona Law School

- Students are enrolled in courses through the Outreach College and are admitted to the UA as undergraduates upon successful completion of the program

**Note:** Acceptance to the Arizona Law ESL Bridge program does not guarantee acceptance to any Arizona Law program, but students may apply concurrently to Arizona Law and be admitted conditioned on successful completion of the Law Bridge.
Definition of an ESL Bridge Course:

A CESL “ESL bridge course” is an ESL course that supports an academic course by providing language support such as reading and vocabulary development in a specific content area or writing support for a composition course.

Example:

A student taking Introduction to the American Judicial System would take a 2-credit academic course offered over a 6-week period and attend an ESL Bridge course that supports the student by explicitly reinforcing terms, definitions and concepts specific to the American judicial system.
Why study in the Arizona Law ESL Bridge Program?

- The Arizona Law ESL Bridge Program (Law Bridge) is especially designed for students who want to become graduate students at Arizona Law pursuing an accelerated JD (JD with Advanced Standing) or an LLM degree.
- Students in the Law Bridge take Law courses and corresponding ESL Bridge courses to develop their English abilities, as well as to prove that they are ready to enter a graduate law program.
- Successful completion of the Law Bridge and an acceptable score on the exit exam may, in special circumstances determined by the Arizona Law Admissions department, establish the admissibility of the student for an Arizona Law graduate degree program.
- The Law Bridge offers international students the opportunity to develop their ESL skills while preparing for graduate study in a sheltered environment that is friendly to international students.
Eligibility and application process:

• Student completes the CESL Academic Bridge Program (ABP) application online two and a half months before intended study. Application found at: http://www.cesl.arizona.edu/azlbp
• Student submits official score of 80 iBT, 6.0 IELTS.
• Student provides a financial guarantee/bank statement (scholarship or self-pay).
• Student completes the UA non-degree seeking paper application and pays $75 application fee.
• Application, including UA NDS paper application, must be complete two months before arrival date to assure time to obtain visa.

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