

More Community and Cultural Connections

How can you feel more connected and empowered in our community? Being bilingual will remove barriers in the workplace and in the community at large. With fluent English language skills, students will no longer be marginalized or stigmatized, but will be able to participate fully in the democratic culture in the U.S.

Admissions/Placement

Students must take the EMLS placement test at the Assessment Center in order to be placed in the appropriate EMLS course.

Technology/Language Lab

A multi-media language Lab on the main campus serves EMLS, American Sign Language, and Foreign Language students. It provides interactive web-based video, audio, and recording capabilities in private student carrels so students can communicate and interact with one another or engage globally with international students.

The Writing Center

The Bakersfield College Writing Center allows students to craft their writing at every stage of the writing process, from intervention and structure to style and mechanics.

The Writing Center offers students the opportunity to work through their writing processes and improve on long-range and short-term writing tasks by participating in student-led, one-on-one sessions facilitated by a writing consultant who, along with the student, aims to identify strengths and weaknesses in the student's work with the goal of helping the student acquire life-long skills for writing independence.

EMLS Faculty

Our faculty is highly trained and has lived or studied and taught abroad in countries such as Afghanistan, Korea, China, Japan, Spain, Mexico, Guatemala, England, Sweden, France, Norway, Germany, France, and Kuwait.

Solidarity Statement

We believe that English language learners, no matter their background or status, must be supported in their educational pursuits. As EMLS faculty of Bakersfield College, we commit to teach and guide our students toward their linguistic and academic goals. Further, we commit to being advocates for our students and vow to defend their rights. We stand united in solidarity with our student body.



ENGLISH FOR MULTILINGUAL STUDENTS



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WELCOME!

The English for Multilingual Students program welcomes local bilingual/bicultural students seeking to improve their language skills and English language learners from around the world. The EMLS program is designed to equip English learners with language skills required for academic work at the college level or for the workplace. The Bakersfield College EMLS program provides opportunities to build skills in speaking, listening, reading, and writing. **And now students can take courses for FREE! Find out how below...**

What are students saying about BC EMLS?

"I strongly feel that I wouldn't be writing a thesis as part of my Masters requirements if I hadn't had extraordinary and highly qualified professors who taught me well in the BC EMLS Department. Thank you Ms. Parent and Mrs. McQuerrey for helping me build and shape the foundation of my skills in the English language."

*- Nancy Leon, Long Beach State University
Graduate Student in Social Work*

"The EMLS program at BC is so good that it does not only prepare students to pass the English writing test required to graduate, but also to meet university writing levels."

*- Juan Duran, Long Beach State University
Student (former BC student)*

Contact Us

Visit our Website at:

<https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/emls>

Contact the EMLS Department Chair,
John Hart at:

jhart@bakersfieldcollege.edu

or Visit the Counseling Department Website
at: www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/counseling

Courses

The EMLS Department offers a wide variety of courses, such as **oral communication, reading, grammar/writing, and advanced composition**. All courses are offered either for **credit, or non-credit**, meaning they are **FREE! Gratis!** Students can take classes simply to improve their English skills for the workplace, work towards a degree or certificate, or transfer to a university. Classes are offered at all times: during the morning, afternoon, or even after work in the evening. Students can go online at www.bakersfieldcollege.edu to get the current schedule of classes.

Locations and co-locations throughout Kern County

EMLS classes are currently offered at the following locations, with more locations to come.

Bakersfield College-Main Campus:

1801 Panorama Dr.

Bakersfield Adult School (at the Job Spot):

1501 Panama Ln.

Bakersfield College-Delano Campus:

1450 Timmons Ave.

Delano Adult School:

1811 Princeton St.

Bakersfield College Southwest:

11000 River Run Blvd. #200

Support from Academic Liaisons and Educational Advisors

On-site supportive services are provided for academic writing, resource coordination, and student advocacy. Advisors are there to provide step-by-step matriculation support as well as education and career pathway development.

Benefits of Being Bilingual

It pays to be bilingual! How can you improve yourself to compete successfully in our global workforce? According to MIT economist Albert Saiz, college graduates who are bilingual can earn an average of \$67,000 more at the time of retirement than graduates who only speak one language.

More Confidence when Writing/ Speaking English

Do you understand the importance of being bilingual in our global, 21st century? "Individuals who speak more than one language have the ability to communicate with more people, read more literature, and benefit more fully from travel abroad. Knowing a second language also gives people a competitive advantage in the workforce. These are some of the compelling reasons for parents to encourage the development of a second (or third) language with their children" (Kathleen Marcus, ERIC, Clearinghouse on Languages and Linguistics).

