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SDSU to Implement Intensive ESL Program

MADISON, S.D. – South Dakota State University will soon implement an intensive English as a Second Language (ESL) program aimed at preparing students who speak a first language other than English to be admitted into nationally accredited higher education institutions.

This intensive program will call on students to take 25 clock hours of instruction per week, focused on the four skill sets of reading, writing, listening, and speaking, plus American culture and immersion in a communications lab. Students will enter the program at three different levels, based on their language skills at time of entry.

Once a student successfully completes the ESL program and passes an exit exam, the student will be prepared to meet minimum language requirements for admission to SDSU, as well as to other accredited universities across the country.