Parsons The New School for Design / School of Language Learning and Teaching, NSPE

The following information applies only to students who are admitted as freshmen in the BFA, BBA, or BS degree programs beginning in Fall 2013. It does not apply to students who are admitted to the AAS or master's degree programs or to sophomore/junior transfer students in the BFA, BBA, or BS degree programs.

For general information about the English Placement Test or the English requirement and course sequence, please consult the ESL Fact Sheet on the Parsons Advising website.

All non-native English speakers are required to take the English language placement test, without exception. This includes students who have previously taken English classes or have submitted a TOEFL or SAT score. Based on your test result, you may need to take additional ESL courses during your first year. There are four possible English placement results, which correspond to the following course requirements:

- NELP 1600: ESL 1600 Presentation Skills *and* NELP 1650: ESL 1650 Intermediate (3 credits total)
- NELP 1700: ESL 1700 High Intermediate *and* NELP 1750: American Cultural Language (3 credits total)
- NELP 1800: ESL 1800 Advanced *or* NELP 1850: ESL 1850 Writing for International Students (3 credits each)
- No ESL required

All students who place into ESL courses take their required ESL classes in addition to their other first-year classes. Students who place into NELP 1600/1650 follow a modified curriculum that includes one course during the summer.

Students who place into ESL courses also take designated ESL sections of the Integrated Studio and Seminar courses. These courses are part of the general first-year requirements for all students pursuing BFA, BBA, and BS degrees.

The curricular pathway is different for each type of ESL placement in the first year—please see the charts below.
Note: These charts show examples of how most BFA students can meet their requirements. BBA and BS students follow slightly different paths. All students should discuss their course planning with their advisors.

NELP 1600/1650: Sample Curricular Pathway for Intermediate ESL Placement

Students who place into NELP 1600/1650 take a reduced courseload of 9 credits in the fall semester: two ESL courses (NELP 1600/1650) and two studio courses. In the spring semester, students take a full courseload of 15 credits: an ESL section of Integrative Studio and Seminar 1, two next-level ESL courses (NELP 1700/1750), and two studio courses. **Students who place into NELP 1600/1650 must complete an ESL section of Integrated Studio and Seminar 2 during the summer.**

Modified First-Year Curriculum for NELP 1600/1650 Placement	Fall	Spring	Summer
NELP 1600: ESL 1600 Intermediate *and* NELP 1650: American Cultural Language	3	–	–
PUFY 1020: Space/Materiality*	3	–	–
PUFY 1030: Drawing/Imaging*	3	–	–
PUFY 1040: Time*	–	3	–
PUFY 12xx: Elective	–	3	–
PUFY 1000: Integrative Studio 1 *and* PUFY 1010: Integrative Seminar 1 [ESL]	–	6	–
NELP 1700: ESL 1700 High Intermediate *and* NELP 1750: American Cultural Language	–	3	–
PUFY 1001: Integrative Seminar 2 *and* PUFY 1011: Integrative Studio 2 [ESL]	–	–	6
Total Credits	**9**	**15**	**6**
** PUFY 1020, 1030, and 1040 may be taken in any order; two courses in fall and one course in spring.*			

NELP 1600/1650: Frequently Asked Questions

If my ESL placement is NELP 1600/1650, how many credits will I take in my first semester?	In your first semester, you will take nine credits. This means that you will be considered a part-time student and will pay tuition on a per-credit basis. International students will be required to obtain documentation from their academic advisors to ensure that the terms of their international student visas are met.
Will I be required to take classes in the summer if my ESL placement is NELP 1600/1650?	Yes, students who place into NELP 1600/1650 are required to take six credits in the summer after their first year. This means that you will need to be in New York until early July to complete your required first-year courses. Students will also have the option to take additional courses in the second summer session, held in July.
Will summer classes cost more? Is financial aid available?	Students taking summer classes pay tuition on a per-credit basis. Students who place into NELP 1600/1650 will be charged $12,465 for 9 credits in Fall 2013, $20,330 for 15 credits in Spring 2014, and $8,310 for 6 credits in Summer 2014. This is a difference of $445 in tuition for their first year, compared to students who place into other ESL courses. Financial aid may be available. Once you know that your ESL placement is NELP 1600/1650, you should speak with Student Financial Services about the possibility of summer financial aid.
Is housing available in the summer?	Yes, Student Housing and Residence Life offers on-campus housing for students who take classes in the summer. On-campus housing is not required, but it is available at a lower rate during the summer. For more information, contact summerhousing@newschool.edu.
Will my graduation be delayed if my ESL placement is NELP 1600/1650?	No, your anticipated graduation date will not be delayed if your ESL placement is NELP 1600/1650.
Are there classes that I can't take if my ESL placement is NELP 1600/1650?	Yes, students who place into NELP 1600/1650 must complete these courses before taking Integrative Studio and Seminar 1. In addition, ESL students must complete all required ESL courses before taking required liberal arts courses, such as *Sustainable Systems* and *Objects as History*.
Will ESL classes count toward my degree?	Yes, ESL classes count as liberal arts electives. All BFA, BBA, and BS students are required to complete liberal arts electives as part of their degree requirements.

NELP 1700/1750: Sample Curricular Pathway for High Intermediate ESL Placement

Students who place into NELP 1700/1750 take two ESL courses (NELP 1700/1750) in the fall and the next-level ESL course (NELP 1800) in the spring. Students are encouraged to complete PLHT 1000: Objects as History during the summer or subsequent fall semester and PUFY 1100 Sustainable Systems in the subsequent fall or spring semester.

Modified First-Year Curriculum for NELP 1700/1750 Placement	**Fall**	**Spring**
NELP 1700: ESL 1700 High Intermediate *and* NELP 1750: American Cultural Language	3	–
PUFY 1000: Integrative Studio 1 *and* PUFY 1010: Integrative Seminar 1 [ESL]	6	–
PUFY 1020: Space/Materiality*	3	–
PUFY 1030: Drawing/Imaging*	3	–
PUFY 1040: Time*	–	3
PUFY 12xx: Elective	–	3
NELP 1800: ESL 1800 Advanced	–	3
PUFY 1001: Integrative Seminar 2 *and* PUFY 1011: Integrative Studio 2 [ESL]	–	6
Total Credits	**15**	**15**
** PUFY 1020, 1030, and 1040 may be taken in any order; two courses in fall and one course in spring.*		

NELP 1800 or 1850: Sample Curricular Pathway for Advanced ESL Placement

Students who place into NELP 1800 or 1850 take one ESL courses (NELP 1800 or NELP 1850) in the fall. Students are encouraged to complete PLHT 1000: Objects as History during the summer or subsequent fall semester.

Modified First-Year Curriculum for NELP 1800 or 1850 Placement	**Fall**	**Spring**
NELP 1800: ESL 1800 Advanced *or* NELP 1850: Writing for International Students	3	–
PUFY 1000: Integrative Studio 1 *and* PUFY 1010: Integrative Seminar 1 [ESL]	6	–
PUFY 1020: Space/Materiality*	3	–
PUFY 1030: Drawing/Imaging*	3	–
PUFY 1040: Time*	–	3
PUFY 12xx: Elective	–	3
PUFY 1001: Integrative Seminar 2 *and* PUFY 1011: Integrative Studio 2	–	6
PUFY 1100: Sustainable Systems		
Total Credits	**15**	**15**
** PUFY 1020, 1030, and 1040 may be taken in any order; two courses in fall and one course in spring.*		

No ESL required: First-Year Curricular Pathway Without Modifications

Students whose placement results do not require further ESL coursework follow the standard first-year curriculum.

First-Year Curriculum without Modification for "No ESL" Placement	Fall	Spring
PUFY 1000: Integrative Studio 1 *and* PUFY 1010: Integrative Seminar 1	6	–
PUFY 1020: Space/Materiality*	3	–
PUFY 1030: Drawing/Imaging*	3	–
PUFY 1040: Time*	–	3
PUFY 1100: Sustainable Systems**	3	–
PLHT 1000: Objects as History**	–	3
PUFY 1001: Integrative Seminar 2 *and* PUFY 1011: Integrative Studio 2	–	6
PUFY 12xx: Elective	–	3
Total Credits	**15**	**15**

** PUFY 1020, 1030, and 1040 may be taken in any order; two courses in fall and one course in spring.*
*** PUFY 1100 and PLHT 1000 may be taken in any order; one course in fall and one course in spring.*