

# Course Information

## ESL 5 - Advanced Composition and Reading

De Anza College

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### Office Hours

I would be happy to meet with you for extra help! I will have an open office hour **Tuesdays 1:30-2:30**. However, I am **absolutely available other days**. Just let me know after class or via email a good day and time for you. :) We will use the Zoom link in the Office Hour module.

## Welcome to ESL 5!

This class will help you improve your English essay writing, reading and vocabulary skills so that you can be more successful in university, work, and your personal life. We will learn together using Canvas, Zoom, online discussions, and an online workbook. We will read professional essays, a novel and write academic style essays. I will be available on Zoom for any help that you need!

ESL 5 is **transferable to the California State University** (Area A2-Written Communication) and meets the General Education requirement for **AA and AS degrees** (Area A1-English Composition). It will be **transferable to the University of California** (IGETC Area A1-English Composition) beginning in fall Quarter 2021.

## Student Learning Outcomes

- Analyze and evaluate college-level fiction and nonfiction texts.
- Write essays, including research-based writing, demonstrating academic rhetorical strategies and documentation.
- Demonstrate college-level grammar, sentence structure, and vocabulary in writing.

## Required Online Workbook and Novel

*Great Writing 5*: Online Workbook Instant Access, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition. You DO NOT NEED TO BUY THE GREAT WRITING 5 STUDENT BOOK! You will only buy the Online Workbook. You can [buy the Online Workbook here \(Links to an external site.\)](#). The De Anza Bookstore does not have the Online Workbook, so you cannot buy it there.

*We Were Dreamers: An Immigrant Superhero Origin Story*, by Simu Liu. You can order that from the De Anza Bookstore or any online source. Check your library too. Printed book or e-book are okay.

## Zoom Class Meetings

We will meet online using Zoom, an online video conferencing platform. We will meet every Tuesday, 9:30-11:45. Please join our Zoom classes on time. If you must miss a class, please check the Announcements in Canvas for the homework.

To log in to our Zoom classes, just open Canvas and click on Zoom in red in the left menu. Then you will see a scheduled meeting and just click on the link.

You don't need a Zoom account, but I have been told that a Zoom account might be helpful. You can get a free Zoom account at [Zoom.us](https://zoom.us).

Here is the technology you need for our Zoom class meetings:

1. A **desktop computer** or **laptop**.
2. It must have a **camera** and **microphone** that work.
3. It must be connected to the **internet**. WiFi is okay if it works well.

## Independent Self-Study

This class is 5 units, which means 4.5 hours of "class time" a week. We will meet on Zoom for 2.25 hours every week. For the other 2.25 hours of "class time," you will work in your online workbook and online discussions. In addition, you will have the usual reading and writing homework.

## In-Class Discussions

We will discuss the material we are studying in our Zoom classes. If you are prepared (that means you have done your homework), the class discussions will be more fun and productive. The in-class discussions will also be worth 10 points which is 10% of your final grade. So, it will be easy to get those points if you come to class prepared and speak up in class and in your groups.

## Writing and Reading Center (WRC)

The [Writing and Reading Center \(Links to an external site.\)](#) is a great place to get extra help! You will be required to meet with a tutor in the WRC for the third draft of your essays. I recommend that you meet with a tutor more often to help you with any of the reading and writing we do in class. To learn how to meet a tutor, just go to the Writing and Reading Center Zoom Tutoring module in our Canvas course.

## Academic Word List

The [Academic Word List](#) is a list of 570 word families that you will need to be successful in your college and university work. It is also a great list for professionals. I recommend you study these words every chance you get.

## Online Learner's Dictionaries

Use these ESL online dictionaries. They are much better than bilingual dictionaries or English dictionaries for native speakers.

- [Learnersdictionary.com](http://Learnersdictionary.com)
- [Longman Dictionary of Contemporary English Online](http://Longman Dictionary of Contemporary English Online)
- [Oxford Learners Dictionaries](http://Oxford Learners Dictionaries)
- [Collins Dictionary](http://Collins Dictionary)

## Contacting Classmates for Help and Study Groups

You can contact each other through the "Inbox" in Canvas. The icon is in the black sidebar on the left. You can set up Zoom meetings to help each other, study together or just to hang out! You can set up a free Zoom account at Zoom.us

## Grading

- Peer reviews of classmates' essays - 5 points
- In-class discussions - 10 points
- Online discussions about professional essays - 10 points
- Reading journal - 10 points
- *Great Writing 5* MyELT online workbook - 20 points
- Essays - 25 points
- Final Exam - 20 points
- **Total: 100 points**

Grading Scale:

90-100=A, 85-89=B+, 80-84=B, 75-79 = C+, 70-74=C, 0-69=no pass

## Extra Help

[Student Success Center](#): Individual tutoring, small group workshops and ESL software.

- [Writing and Reading Center](#)
- [Listening and Speaking Center](#)
- [Online Tutoring \(Links to an external site.\)](#)

## Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

Any student who feels s/he may need an accommodation based on the impact of a disability should contact me privately to discuss your specific needs. Please contact [Disability Support Services](#) to coordinate reasonable accommodations for students with documented disabilities.

## Plagiarism

If you turn in any work that is not your own or copy anything from anyone or anywhere, you will automatically fail the assignment. You cannot copy or borrow anything. Everything must be your own work.

## Texting and Social Media

When we are in our Zoom classes together, please focus on the class. Please do not text, check email, use social media, use apps, or watch cat videos. It is more polite and productive for all of us if you give us your attention.

## Email Etiquette (rules for polite behavior)

When you email me or any instructor, include complete information.

Subject line: "Question about Essay 1"

Name: "Hi! This is Naomi Osaka."

Class: "I am in your ESL 5 class."

Sign at the end: "Thank you, Naomi" or "Regards, Naomi."

If you are replying to a message, always include the email thread (previous email messages).

## English Only Please

Although I have great respect for your first language, the purpose of this class is to improve your *English* skills. You will do that most successfully if you speak English at all times during class. If you get caught speaking a language other than English, you will have to sing us a song in English on Zoom.

## Important Dates

[Click here](#) for important dates

## A Final Note

By the end of this class you will be a better English reader and writer! Improving your English does not come without effort. If you put maximum effort into your work, you will be surprised at how much progress you can make. Don't worry; you don't have to do it alone. Your classmates and I are here to help you. Together we can accomplish great things. So, let's get busy, work hard, and enjoy the quarter!