

ESL 255.01Z-455.01Z

High Intermediate Grammar, Writing, and Reading

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CLASS DESCRIPTION:

This course develops high-intermediate reading comprehension, vocabulary, and writing skills using high-intermediate grammar. Students will be able to write well-organized and well-developed descriptive, narrative, and explanatory paragraphs

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Develop high intermediate English reading comprehension skills and vocabulary building skills in extended written materials.

Demonstrate understanding and usage of high intermediate vocabulary in readings and writing.

Write well-developed, single and connected narrative, descriptive, and explanatory paragraphs demonstrating high intermediate grammar and vocabulary in response to reading materials.

Evaluate own writing for rhetorical structure, clarity, organization, and grammatical correctness by means of revision and editing.

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

Focus on Grammar 4 (Fifth Edition) by Fuchs and Bonner

Reading for Today: Concepts 4 (Fourth Edition) by Smith and Mare

PREREQUISITE:

Prerequisite: ESL 244 or ESL 444 or a qualifying score on the English as a Second Language Placement Test.

ATTENDANCE:

If you miss more than three class meetings for any reason, you may be dropped from the class. It is your responsibility to drop if unable to continue with the course. Videos must be turned on at all times during Zoom class meetings or an absence will be recorded.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Writing Assignments

We will write several multi-drafted paragraphs. Out-of-class assignments need to be typed and demonstrate understanding of the grammar, vocabulary, and paragraph development topics covered in class.

My English Lab Software Assignments

Selected exercises will be assigned and need to be completed for credit.

Response and Vocabulary Assignments

Responses to questions related to the readings and vocabulary practice will be assessed.

Quizzes

The quizzes will include reading comprehension exercises, vocabulary, and application of analytical reading skills.

Article Reports

Two academic article reports will be assigned. The articles need to be clearly summarized and analyzed.

Final Exam

The final exam will cover assigned readings, vocabulary, and writing.

GRADING GUIDELINES:

Your grade will be based on the following:

1. Response and Vocabulary Assignments	20%
2. My English Lab Assignments	10%
3. Paragraph Assignments	20%
4. Quizzes	15%
5. Article Reports	20%
6. Final Exam	15%

GRADING SCALE:

90-100%=A
80-89% =B
70-79% =C
65-69% =D
0-64% =F

ASSIGNMENTS POLICY:

You are required to complete all assignments by the due date. Ten percent will be deducted for each day an assignment is submitted late. Assignments will not be accepted more than three days late.

EXAMS:

There are no make-up exams or quizzes except in cases of emergency when suitable documentation is provided.

CHEATING AND PLAGIARISM:

Plagiarism is presenting another's work as your own or copying sentences, phrases, or passages from a source without crediting the author. Anyone engaging in cheating or plagiarism in any form will receive no credit for the assignment or exam.

PARTICIPATION:

You will often work with other classmates in pairs or small groups to share ideas and discuss homework. It is important that you come to class prepared to actively participate in class discussions. Failure to do so may lower your grade.

SUPPORT SERVICES:

- Writing and Reading Center (WRC) in AT 309
<http://www.deanza.edu/studentsuccess/writing-reading-center/>
- Academic Skills in ATC 302 <http://deanza.edu/studentsuccess/>
- Counseling/Academic Advising <http://www.deanza.edu/counseling/>
- Online tutoring is available through Smarthinking at your MyPortal. See this link on how to use it: <http://www.deanza.edu/studentsuccess/onlinetutoring/>
- Purdue Online Writing Lab (Purdue OWL):
https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/purdue_owl.htm

IMPORTANT DATES:

Last Day to Add: October 8
Last Day to Drop without a W: October 9
Last Day to Drop with a W: November 18
Holidays: November 11; November 24-27
Final Exam: December 14, 7-9 a.m.