

ESL 781A Course Outline as of Fall 2023**CATALOG INFORMATION**

Dept and Nbr: ESL 781A Title: TRANSITIONAL PART 1
 Full Title: Low Interm Read/Writ/Gramm for Transitional NC ESL Pt 1
 Last Reviewed: 11/28/2022

Units		Course Hours per Week		Nbr of Weeks	Course Hours Total	
Maximum	0	Lecture Scheduled	4.50	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	78.75
Minimum	0	Lab Scheduled	0	8	Lab Scheduled	0
		Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
		Contact Total	4.50		Contact Total	78.75
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 157.50

Total Student Learning Hours: 236.25

Title 5 Category: Non-Credit
 Grading: Non-Credit Course
 Repeatability: 27 - Exempt From Repeat Provisions
 Also Listed As:
 Formerly:

Catalog Description:

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Transfer Credit:

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ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:

AS Degree:	Area	Effective:	Inactive:
CSU GE:	Transfer Area	Effective:	Inactive:
IGETC:	Transfer Area	Effective:	Inactive:
CSU Transfer:		Effective:	Inactive:
UC Transfer:		Effective:	Inactive:

CID:

Certificate/Major Applicable:

Certificate Applicable Course

COURSE CONTENT

Student Learning Outcomes:

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Apply critical thinking skills to respond to adapted selections of nonfiction
2. Apply the writing process to produce organized paragraphs that reflect critical thinking, incorporate academic content, and demonstrate grammatical control at a level appropriate for this course
3. Comprehend low-intermediate reading passages by identifying organizational strategies, summarizing, and using main ideas and details to support writing assignments
4. Word-process paragraphs and access information on the Internet
5. Utilize meta-cognitive thinking skills in learning and studying processes
6. Utilize SRJC resources and services to realize academic goals

Objectives:

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

Reading:

1. Employ level-appropriate critical reading skills
2. Distinguish main idea from supporting details or examples in low intermediate reading passages
3. Summarize short selections of non-fiction
4. Use basic affixes and roots and the dictionary to determine the meaning and pronunciation of new vocabulary

5. Increase reading speed and comprehension

Writing:

1. Employ the writing process to produce multi-draft paragraphs that consist of a clear topic sentence, supporting details and a concluding sentence on relevant topics covered in class
2. Recognize and produce different genres of academic writing, such as descriptive and narrative paragraphs.
3. Utilize level-appropriate critical thinking skills in developing and supporting a topic sentence
4. Complete in-class, timed paragraphs in response to a reading
5. Edit papers for specific grammar points
6. Demonstrate level-appropriate control of sentence structure and boundaries
7. Demonstrate level-appropriate control of verb tenses, spelling and punctuation

Information Competency and Research:

1. Access information on the Internet
2. Use the computer effectively as a communication, writing, research, and language development tool
3. Avoid plagiarism

Metacognitive skills:

1. Develop awareness of thinking processes while reading and writing
2. Take responsibility for their own learning

Topics and Scope:

ESL 781A instructional time focuses on these areas equally: reading, writing, and explicit grammar instruction.

I. Reading

A. Nonfiction Reading

1. Pre-reading skills to survey, predict, skim, and scan
2. Main ideas and supporting details in adapted reading selections
3. Rhetorical styles and organizational patterns
4. Transition words and phrases
5. Fact and opinion
6. Basic inference skills
7. Annotating, note-taking, and summarizing

B. Critical Analysis

1. Identification of different perspectives on selected issues
2. Comparing and contrasting information from one or more sources

C. Academic Vocabulary Study

1. Basic roots and affixes to determine correct word forms
2. Synonyms and antonyms
3. Dictionary use to determine meaning and usage based on reading context
4. Explicit study of targeted academic vocabulary

II. Writing

A. Guided pre-writing and writing techniques

1. Journal writing
2. Brainstorming
3. Organizing techniques such as clustering and sequencing of general ideas and details

B. Drafting

1. Topic sentence
 2. Supporting ideas and examples
 3. Concluding sentence
 4. MLA style formatting (heading, page numbers, title, etc.)
- C. Revising Paragraphs
1. Revision of paragraphs using guided questions for clarity and support
 2. Transitions and other strategies for linking ideas
- D. Strategies for timed writing
- E. Grammar (taught in the context of writing)
1. Expanded application of basic grammatical structures
 - a. Present and future tenses
 - b. Comparative and superlative adjectives
 - c. Parts of speech and word forms
 - d. Question formation
 - e. Correct use of pronouns
 2. Introduction to and application of low-intermediate grammatical structures
 - a. Past tenses
 - b. Simple modals and related expressions
 - c. Simple and compound sentences
 - d. Word order, sentence structure and sentence boundaries
 3. Peer- and self-editing of paragraphs for grammatical problems
 - a. Subject-verb agreement
 - b. Verbs, including present, past, future
 - c. Punctuation: capitalization, quotation marks, apostrophes, periods and commas
 - d. Word form and usage

III. Information Competency and Research

- A. Word-processing skills
- B. Basic email and Internet search skills
- C. Basic understanding and usage of a website
- D. Online language development resources
- E. Awareness of plagiarism

IV. Metacognitive Skills

- A. Strategies to monitor thinking processes while reading and writing (i.e., “metacognitive bookmark”)
- B. Techniques to encourage students to take responsibility for their own learning (i.e., double and/or triple entry journals, “metacognitive reading log template”)

V. Transitional Skills

- A. Study skills, including notetaking and language learning strategies
- B. Navigating the college system
 1. Counseling and financial aid services
 2. Resources and opportunities at SRJC

Assignment:

1. READING

- A. Reading comprehension and vocabulary exercises (weekly)
- B. Summarizing activities (2-3)
- C. Discussing and analyzing readings (weekly)
- D. Exam(s) (1-2) and quizzes (2-3)

E. Metacognitive reading logs, double/triple entry reading journals (Reading Apprenticeship practices) (weekly)

2. WRITING

Written assignments will result in a minimum of 1,000 words.

A. Journals, summaries, and responses to assigned readings

B. Multi-draft paragraphs: personal narrative, descriptive, and expository paragraphs (2-3 minimum, 150-250 words each, about 1/2 to 3/4 page)

C. Targeted practice of different steps of the writing process (from pre-writing through editing)

D. Vocabulary, grammar, and writing exercises, including computer-based activities in ESL
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E. In-class paragraph writing assignments (2 minimum)

F. Common assessment portfolio

3. TRANSITIONAL SKILLS

A. Generating and researching questions concerning resources, programs and services at SRJC

B. Debriefing information gleaned from campus tours, research, and guest speakers

Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:

Writing: Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

Analysis of readings; journals; written homework; paragraphs; common assessment portfolio

Writing
40 - 50%

Problem Solving: Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

Reading comprehension and vocabulary exercises; summarizing activities; multi-draft paragraph; writing process practice; online exercises

Problem solving
15 - 25%

Skill Demonstrations: All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

None

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0 - 0%

Exams: All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

Exam(s) and quizzes; and in-class paragraph writing assignment

Exams
30 - 40%

Other: Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

Attendance and participation; collaboration; oral presentations; campus tour/SRJC resource; tutorial hours (ESL 770)/instructor office hours

Other Category
5 - 10%

Representative Textbooks and Materials:

Integrated Reading/Writing Texts:

Pathways 1: Reading, Writing, and Critical Thinking Student Book and Online Workbook 2nd ed. Blass, Laurie. Cengage Learning: 2018.

Northstar Reading and Writing 2 with MyEnglishLab 5th Edition, Haugnes, Natasha & Maher, Beth, 2019.

Q Skills for Success 2 Reading and Writing Student Book with access card to online practice, Ward, Colin. Oxford University Press: 2015. (Classic)

Grammar Reference Texts:

Fundamentals of English Grammar 5th Edition Student Book with online student access, Azar, Betty. Pearson Longman: 2019.

Fiction:

Selected short stories

Orientation to College:

What Every ESL Student Should Know: A Guide to College and University Academic Success, Flores, Kathy Ochoa. University of Michigan Press. 2008 (classic)

Instructor prepared materials

Other approved materials