ESL 372A Course Outline as of Fall 2021

CATALOG INFORMATION

Dept and Nbr: ESL 372A Title: HIGH-INTERMEDIATE PART 1
Full Title: High-Intermediate Reading/Writing/Grammar for ESL Part 1
Last Reviewed: 9/12/2022

Units		Course Hours per Week		Nbr of Weeks	Course Hours Total	
Maximum	4.50	Lecture Scheduled	4.50	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	78.75
Minimum	4.50	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:	AA Degree Non-Applicable
Grading:	Grade or P/NP
Repeatability:	00 - Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP
Also Listed As:	
Formerly:	

Catalog Description:
The first half of a high-intermediate reading, writing, and grammar course focusing on the development of academic reading skills with particular focus on comprehension, vocabulary and rate, and the basic essay process, including writing, revising, and editing. Emphasis on complex clause structures and review of intermediate grammar structures and punctuation. Designed for non-native speakers of English.

Prerequisites/Corequisites:
Completion of the ESL Guided Self-Placement or completion of one of the following courses: ESL 314, ESL 371 or ESL 371B

Recommended Preparation:

Limits on Enrollment:

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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 unadapted selections of nonfiction
2. Apply the writing process to produce essays that demonstrate level-appropriate organization and content, critical thinking, vocabulary and fluency, and grammatical accuracy
3. Comprehend high-intermediate reading passages by identifying organizational strategies, paraphrasing and summarizing, and using main ideas and details to support writing assignments
4. Word-process essays and access information on the Internet and library databases to support their writing
5. Utilize metacognitive thinking skills in learning and studying processes

Objectives:
Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

Reading:
1. Employ level-appropriate critical reading skills
2. Distinguish main ideas from supporting details or examples in high-intermediate reading passages
3. Summarize and paraphrase multi-paragraph selections of nonfiction
4. Use contextual clues, high-frequency affixes and roots, and the dictionary to determine the meaning, pronunciation, and connotation of new vocabulary
5. Read with increased speed and comprehension

Writing:
1. Employ a multi-draft writing process to produce essays with an introduction, a detailed thesis statement, well-developed supporting paragraphs, and an appropriate conclusion.
2. Recognize and produce different genres of academic writing, including descriptive/narrative and expository modes
3. Utilize level-appropriate critical thinking skills in developing and supporting a thesis
4. Complete in-class, timed essays in response to a high-intermediate reading passage
5. Edit papers for targeted grammatical structures
6. Integrate academic vocabulary into essays
7. Demonstrate sentence variety in writing: simple, compound, and complex (adjective, adverb, and conditional clauses)
8. Exhibit control of sentence boundaries
9. Employ level-appropriate control of punctuation, spelling and verb tenses

Information Competency and Research
1. Utilize basic research skills
2. Use the computer effectively as a writing, research, and language development tool
3. Use an online thesaurus and dictionary
4. Avoid plagiarism through use of online tools such as Turnitin

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

Topics and Scope:

ESL 372A instructional time focuses 40% on reading, 40% on writing, and 20% on explicit grammar instruction.

I. Reading
A. Nonfiction Reading
   1. Pre-reading skills to survey, predict, skim and scan
   2. Identification of main ideas and supporting details
   3. Analysis of organizational patterns and rhetorical forms
   4. Recognition of transition words and phrases
   5. Differences between fact and opinion
   6. Inferencing skills
   7. Annotating, note taking, paraphrasing, and summarizing
B. Critical Analysis
   1. Summarizing, synthesizing, comparing, and contrasting information from one or more sources
   2. Analysis and use of reading material to support writing
C. Academic Vocabulary Study
   1. Inference of meaning through contextual clues
   2. Use of a dictionary to determine meaning, usage, and pronunciation
   3. Recognition of high frequency roots and affixes to determine correct word forms
   4. Explicit study of targeted academic vocabulary

II. Writing
A. Pre-writing
   1. Brainstorming

2. Journal writing
3. Clustering
4. Outlining

B. Drafting
1. Thesis statement
2. Topic sentences
3. Body paragraphs
4. Conclusion

C. Revision of essays for coherence, critical thinking, development, and academic vocabulary.
D. MLA formatting and style
E. Strategies for timed writing
F. Grammar (taught in the context of writing)
1. Adverbial clauses
2. Conditional clauses
3. Recognition and correction of run-ons, fragments and comma splices
4. Simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences
5. Editing and proofreading of essays for grammatical problems
a. Subject-verb agreement
b. Verbs, including perfect tenses and passive voice
c. Conditional forms
d. Punctuation: capitalization, quotation marks, apostrophes, commas, semicolons, and colons
e. Word form and usage
f. Parallel structure

III. Information Competency and Research
A. Use of the Internet and library databases to find information and research sources
B. The computer as a writing, editing, and language development tool
C. Thesaurus, dictionary, online databases, etc.
D. Online tools such as Turnitin to help students avoid plagiarism and take ownership of their writing

IV. Metacognitive Skills
A. Strategies to keep track of 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”)

Assignment:

The following represent the types of assignments that will be included and assessed:

Reading
Reading assignments of various lengths and complexity provide topics for analysis and discussion. Assignments will include the following:
1. Reading comprehension and vocabulary exercises (weekly)
2. Summarizing and paraphrasing activities (2-3)
3. Discussing and analyzing readings (weekly)
4. Research activities using the Internet and online databases (2-3)
5. Exams and quizzes (1-2 exams, 2-3 quizzes)
6. Metacognitive reading logs, double/triple entry reading journals (weekly)

Writing
Written assignments will result in a minimum of 1,500 words. Assignments will include the following:
1. Journals, summaries, and responses to assigned readings
2. At least two multi-draft descriptive /narrative or expository essays (500-word minimum)
3. Vocabulary, writing, and grammar exercises, including technology-enhanced activities
4. At least two in-class essay exams
5. Common assessment portfolio

Additional activities and assignments may include the following:
1. Oral presentations
2. Participation in peer editing sessions to explore and refine the process of drafting, revision, and proofreading
3. ESL 770 (tutorial) attendance

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.

Written homework, paragraphs, essays, journals, analysis of readings, and common assessment portfolio	Writing 50 - 60%

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

Essay revision, sentence combining, vocabulary, online exercises, and reading comprehension exercises	Problem solving 10 - 20%

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

None	Skill Demonstrations 0 - 0%

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

Multiple choice, true/false, matching items, completion, quizzes, and in-class essay exams	Exams 25 - 30%

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

Attendance, participation, collaboration, oral presentations, timed reading charts, tutorial hours (ESL 770)	Other Category 5 - 10%

Representative Textbooks and Materials:
Integrated Reading/Writing Texts:

Pathways 3: Reading, Writing, and Critical Thinking Student Book and Online Workbook, Blass, Laurie. Cengage Learning: 2013.
Q Skills for Success 4 Reading and Writing Student Book with access card to online practice, Norloff, Charl. Oxford University Press: 2011.
Northstar 3: Reading & Writing 4th Edition Student Book with access code to MyEnglishLab, Barton, Laurie. Pearson: 2015.

Grammar Reference Texts:

Fundamentals of English Grammar 4th Edition Student Book with online student access, Azar, Betty. Pearson Longman: 2011.
Top 20: Great Grammar for Great Writing 2nd Edition, Folse, Keith. Cengage Learning: 2008 (classic).

Fiction:

Selected short stories

Instructor prepared materials