

**EMLS 781B Course Outline as of Fall 2024****CATALOG INFORMATION**

Dept and Nbr: EMLS 781B Title: NC EMLS TRANSITION PT 2  
 Full Title: NC Low-Interm Read/Writ/Gramm for Transitional EMLS Pt 2  
 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: ESL 781B

**Catalog Description:**

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**Limits on Enrollment:****Schedule of Classes Information:**

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Transfer Credit:

Repeatability: Exempt From Repeat Provisions

## **ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:**

<b>AS Degree:</b>	<b>Area</b>	Effective:	Inactive:
<b>CSU GE:</b>	<b>Transfer Area</b>	Effective:	Inactive:
<b>IGETC:</b>	<b>Transfer Area</b>	Effective:	Inactive:
<b>CSU Transfer:</b>		Effective:	Inactive:
<b>UC Transfer:</b>		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 and fiction
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 fiction and non-fiction
4. Use affixes and roots and the dictionary to determine the meaning and pronunciation of new vocabulary

5. Analyze works of fiction
6. 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/narrative, compare/contrast and expository modes
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. Integrate academic language into paragraphs
7. Demonstrate some sentence variety in writing
8. Demonstrate level-appropriate control of sentence structure and boundaries
9. 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

#### Transitional (Matriculation Skills):

1. Navigate and use a variety of SRJC resources, programs, and services
2. Demonstrate academic study skills needed for success in credit ESL courses
3. Articulate academic goals and steps needed to achieve them

#### Topics and Scope:

ESL 781B 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. Fiction Reading

1. Pre-reading skills to predict plot
2. Elements of fiction in short stories (for elements such as setting, protagonist, antagonist, and theme)
3. Descriptive and sensory language

##### C. Critical Analysis

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

## D. Academic Vocabulary Study

1. 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 coherence and development
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. Compound and some complex 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
  - e. Basic parallel structure

## 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. Academic and professional goals and making an educational plan
- C. 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. Basic research activities using the internet (2-3)
- E. Exam(s) (1-2) and quizzes (2-3)
- F. Metacognitive reading logs, double/triple entry reading journals (Reading Apprenticeship practices) (weekly)

#### 2. WRITING

Written assignments will result in a minimum of 2,000 words.

- A. Journals, summaries, and responses to assigned readings
- B. Multi-draft paragraphs of (personal narrative, descriptive, and expository paragraphs (2-3 minimum of 150-200 words, 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
- 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
- C. Articulating academic goals in writing
- D. Meeting with a counselor to develop an educational plan

### 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; academic goals

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.

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

Exams  
30 - 40%

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

Attendance, participation, collaboration, oral presentations, 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:

How Tia Lola Came to Stay, Alvarez, Julia

The Pool Party, Soto, Gary

Flor's Journey to Independence, Vaille, Barbara & Williams, Jennifer

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