

COURSE OUTLINE

ESL D255.03Y/ESL D455.03Y (26697/26723) High Intermediate Grammar, Writing and Reading 6.0 Units

Time: MONDAYS 1:30 TO 4:20pm—ON CAMPUS—RM L34
WEDNESDAYS 1:30 - 4:20pm—ONLINE by ZOOM
Office Hours: MW—4:30 to 5:00pm In RM L34 and by ZOOM

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

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 Outcome Statements (SLO)

- **Student Learning Outcome:** Develop high intermediate English reading comprehension skills and vocabulary building skills in extended written materials.
- **Student Learning Outcome:** Demonstrate understanding and usage of high intermediate vocabulary in readings and writing.
- **Student Learning Outcome:** Write well-developed, single and connected narrative, descriptive, and explanatory paragraphs demonstrating high intermediate grammar and vocabulary in response to reading materials.
- **Student Learning Outcome:** Evaluate own writing for rhetorical structure, clarity, organization, and grammatical correctness by means of revision and editing.

WHAT'S NEEDED FOR THE CLASS:

Internet Access
Computer for preparing written assignments
Working knowledge of E-mail and CANVAS

REQUIRED TEXT AND MATERIALS:

Must purchase or borrow from a library:

- **DRAGONWINGS** (a novel) by Laurence Yep. ISBN: 9780064400855
- **GRAMMAR FOR WRITING 2 (2nd Ed.)** by Joyce Cain: ISBN--9780132088992
- A folder and notebook for class notes and handouts

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FOCUS ON GRAMMAR 4 (5th ed.) etext and online exercises

CLASS ACTIVITIES: The class activities will focus on improving reading and paragraph writing skills through the use of reading and writing exercises in your texts as well as other sources and will include online lectures, grammar tests, discussions, and writing assignments.

GRADING CRITERIA: Grading will be based on completion of homework assignments, participation in class activities, midterm tests/quizzes, and the final exam.

- **Class Participation/Completion of Tasks**.....60%
- **Midterm Tests**.....20%
- **Final Exam**.....20%

CLASS POLICIES:

AI AND ACADEMIC INTEGRITY: Reading and writing are skills that require thought, practice, and effort. The goal of a reading and writing class is to use practice and effort to improve the skills required to read and write well. Without practice and effort these skills cannot be acquired. Though convenient and timesaving, overreliance on AI slows down reading and writing achievement. As such, students are expected to always do their own work and properly cite sources that are from another source. Any student who is found to have plagiarized the work of another author or source will receive a zero for the assignment. Plagiarism includes the use of AI services such as language translators and ChatGPT. Utilizing AI to write or complete any portion of your assignment, unless specifically noted as permitted by the instructor, will result in a zero for the assignment and the assignment cannot be redone or made up.

Cheating and copying papers from other students will not be tolerated. If a student is caught cheating or copying, he/she will be dropped from the class. This applies to both the “borrower” and the “lender”! Please do your own work; that is the fastest road to progress.

SPECIAL NEEDS:

Please inform the instructor if you have a physical or learning disability that requires special accommodations.

Fall Quarter 2024 Academic Calendar

September 23

Fall classes begin

October 6

Last day to add 12-week classes

October 6

Last day to drop classes without a W

November 11

Veterans Day holiday – no classes; offices closed

November 15

Last day to drop classes with a W

Nov 28-Dec 1

Thanksgiving holiday – no classes; offices closed

December 9-13

Final exams—Our FINAL EXAM is scheduled for **Monday, 12/9, from 1:45 PM to 3:45 PM**

January 6

First day of Winter Quarter