

ESL 85 - ESL Reading, Writing and Grammar 4 Course Outline

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**Maximum
Enrollment**

Grading Option Letter Grade or P/NP

**Distance
Education Mode of
Instruction** On-Campus

SECTION B

General Education Information:

SECTION C

Course Description

Repeatability May be repeated 0 times

**Catalog
Description** This course is level 4 of the college ESL program focusing on the integration of the major language learning components, including reading, writing, and grammar. Students will build on the major components of level 3, reading full-length works of fiction and/or nonfiction and continuing to improve and expand reading comprehension, vocabulary skills, and overall written fluency. They will write, revise, and edit paragraphs and short essays, summarize and respond to selected readings, and improve their ability to identify and correct common errors of in grammar and syntax.

**Schedule
Description**

SECTION D

Condition on Enrollment

1a. Prerequisite(s): *None*

1b. Corequisite(s): *None*

1c. Recommended

ESL 75 and/or
Appropriate placement and/or
ESL 65 with a minimum grade of A or better

1d. Limitation on Enrollment: *None*

SECTION E

Course Outline Information

1. Student Learning Outcomes:

- A. Compose a developed and organized 400-500 word essay with an explicitly stated thesis, clear introduction, body, and conclusion.
- B. Demonstrate competency using simple, progressive, and perfect tenses with few basic errors in writing.
- C. Identify and correct common errors of grammar and syntax.
- D. Demonstrate ability to summarize, paraphrase, and critically read and comprehend a variety of low-advanced level vocabulary and reading materials, including full-length works of fiction and non-fiction, and textbook selections.

2. Course Objectives: Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- A. Utilize a variety of reading strategies.
- B. Identify, analyze and interpret main ideas and important supporting ideas and examples in non-fiction and fiction reading materials.

- C. Demonstrate understanding of literal and inferred meaning of low-advanced written text.
- D. Expand academic vocabulary comprehension and usage.
- E. Interpret and use appropriate resources for vocabulary development (e.g. dictionary, thesaurus, footnotes).
- F. Compose simple, compound and complex sentences.
- G. Compose narrative, descriptive, and problem/ solution paragraphs and compositions.
- H. Compose paragraphs that develop main ideas with supporting details and examples
- I. Summarize selected reading passages
- J. Compose a composition expressing opinions and facts supported by logical reasoning.
- K. Identify and correct common errors of grammar and syntax, including run-on sentences and sentence fragments.
- L. Edit writing for grammar, syntax, and punctuation errors.
- M. Use all simple and progressive tenses, and the present perfect verb tense, with a high degree of accuracy.
- N. Demonstrate familiarity with the past perfect verb tense
- O. Correctly use adverbial and noun clauses.
- P. Use participial adjectives and recognize other uses of passive voice.
- Q. Identify and correctly use gerunds and infinitives.
- R. Correctly use selected modal auxiliaries of probability, possibility, obligation, necessity, and advice in present and past (i.e. perfect) forms, including phrasal modals.
- S.

3. Course Content

- A. Reading Skills & Strategies
 - a. Pre-reading strategies and prediction of content
 - b. Skimming to categorize main points and text structures
 - c. Scanning to identify different types of supporting details, examples and reasons
 - d. Analysis of persuasive language
 - e. Vocabulary learning strategies
 - a. Affixes, suffixes, and root words
 - b. Parts of speech
 - c. Context clues
 - d. Determining appropriate definition from the dictionary
 - e. Demonstration and usage of academic vocabulary with few errors
 - f. Identification of the main idea
 - g.

- d. Body paragraph development: logical ordering of paragraphs and development of cohesion
 - e. Conclusion paragraphs with restatement of thesis
 - c. Incorporation of in-text citations and reference lists
 - d. Integration of source material such as data
 - e. Accuracy and editing techniques: mechanics, spelling, format, sentence structure analysis and boundaries
 - f. Accuracy and revision of sentence level errors: fragments, run-on sentences, etc.
- C. Grammar Skills & Strategies
- a. Review and practice of verb tenses, including correct use of:
 - a. Present perfect vs. past
 - b. Irregular past verbs and past participles
 - c. Simple present vs. present progressive
 - d. Simple past vs. past progressive
 - e. Past perfect
 - b. Infinitives and gerunds as subjects and objects
 - c. Passive vs. Active Voice
 - d. Noun clauses and reported speech
 - e. Independent and dependent clauses, including correct use of:
 - a. Compound sentences with coordinate and adverbial conjunctions
 - b. Complex sentences with subordinate conjunctions
 - f. Subject-verb agreement
 - g. Prepositional phrases
 - h.

some review from ESL 75 included. 2. In-class writing assessment. 3. Reading final exam which assesses reading comprehension, inference, and usage of vocabulary.

Additional assessment information:

1. Test for each unit covered in grammar text.
2. Weekly verb quizzes.
3. Cumulative grammar exam.
4. 6-8 paragraph and composition assignments with revisions.
5. Completion of homework assignments.
6. 5-8 vocabulary and reading comprehension quizzes.

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6. Assignments: State the general types of assignments for this course under the following categories and provide at least two specific examples for each section.

A. Reading Assignments

Examples of reading assignments:

Read and comprehend passages and articles in assigned text and handouts.

Example 1:

Read the article, "The Water Beneath Our Feet," on pages 49-50 of the text, "From Reading to Writing." After completing the comprehension and analytical exercises which follow on pages 50-52, write a concise summary of the article.

Example 2:

Select and read a newspaper article about any subject of interest. Highlight the sentences that contain reported speech and direct quotations. Write a one paragraph summary of the article.

the novel.

-Maintain reading log (30-40 informal summaries/responses plus vocabulary/definitions) based on the books selected from the class reading list.

C. Other Assignments

Instructor may choose to give internet based writing and/or reading assignments to supplement text.

Vocabulary logs: Create a vocabulary log to keep track of new vocabulary. The log will contain 5 parts: vocabulary word, part of speech, definition, how the word was used in writing, and creation of a sentence using new vocabulary word

Example of research project:

Using campus and internet resources such as the Eureka software program, research a field or occupation of interest, and make an oral presentation of this research to the class.

7. Required Materials

A. EXAMPLES of typical college-level textbooks (for degree-applicable courses) or other print materials.

Book #1:

Author: -
Title: Longman's Dictionary of American English
Publisher: Pearson Education ESL
Date of Publication: 2014
Edition: 5th

Book #2:

Author: Wallis, V.
Title: Two Old Women
Publisher: Epicenter Press
Date of Publication: 2004
Edition: 1st

Book #3:

Author: Smith, L.
Title: Reading for Today 4: Concepts
Publisher: National Geographic/(ELT)
Date of Publication: 2016
Edition: 4th

Book #4:

Author: Albom, M.
Title: The Five People you Meet in Heaven
Publisher: Hachette Books
Date of Publication: 2003
Edition:

Book #5:

Author: Ward, C.
Title: From Reading to Writing 4

Publisher: Pearson Longman

Date of Publication: 2010

Edition:

Book #6:

Author: Broukal, M.

Title: Weaving it Together 4: Connecting Reading and Writing

Publisher: Heinle ELT

Date of Publication: 2016

Edition: 4th

Book #7:

Author: Azar B.S. and S. A. Hagen

Title: Understanding and Using English Grammar

Publisher: Pearson Longman

Date of Publication: 2017

Edition: 5th