

DE ANZA COLLEGE
ESL 244/444 – Intermediate English as a Second Language
Winter 2024

Course ID: ESL 244.03 (38939)/ESL 444.03 (38940) **Instructor:** Daisy Lee
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Course Description

This course will focus on the development of English speaking, listening, reading and writing skills, with an emphasis on grammar instruction. Students will practice writing simple, compound, and complex sentences, as well as short paragraphs. They will develop reading comprehension, vocabulary-building skills, and oral communication skills.

Course Pre-requisite

To enroll in this class, you need to achieve a qualifying score on English as a Second Language Placement Test or pass ESL 234/444 with a grade of C or better.

Student Learning Outcomes

- Comprehend, analyze, and respond to intermediate-level reading and listening materials.
- Write a group of topic-related sentences using level-specific grammar and vocabulary.
- Demonstrate understanding and usage of level-specific grammar and vocabulary across reading, writing, listening, and speaking tasks.

Course Objectives

- Listen to, comprehend, and infer meaning from dialogues, conversations, discussions, and listening passages.
- Speak appropriate American English in given situations.
- Read, comprehend, and analyze intermediate level reading passages.
- Write a group of topic-related sentences using level-specific grammar and vocabulary.
- Expand vocabulary with emphasis on high-frequency words and words from the academic word list.
- Discuss and analyze cross-cultural customs and attitudes, especially in contrast with the students' native customs and attitudes.

Required Textbook and Resources

- Focus on Grammar 3 (W/MyEnglishLab Access Card), Fuchs, Westheimer, and Bonner, 5th Edition (ISBN: 9780133854886)
- Reading Explorer 3. Bohlke, 3rd Edition. (ISBN: 9780357116272)
- Internet access and computer (cellphone or tablet would not work)
- Recommended Material: An English-only, not bilingual, dictionary
 - [Merriam-Webster Learner Dictionary](#)
 - [Longman Dictionary of Contemporary English Online](#)
 - [Collins Dictionary](#)

Grading

Course Requirements	Grading Criteria	Grading Scale
Attendance and Participation (in-class and online discussion)	10%	97-100% A+
Writing assignments (paragraphs) and revisions (6)	20%	93-96% A
Other assignments (sentence-level writing, vocabulary, summary writing, and journals)	20%	90-92% A-
Oral Presentations (3)	15%	87-89% B+
Quizzes (grammar, vocabulary, reading and listening comprehension)	15%	83-86% B
Midterm	10%	80-82% B-
Final Exam	10%	77-79% C+
		70-76% C
		69-0% No Pass (NP)

No late makeup tests will be given unless there is a doctor's note or verified emergency.

Course Requirements

- **Attendance and Class Participation:** Regular attendance and active class participation are essential for both your own learning and that of your classmates. Arriving late, leaving early, and/or missing class meetings will affect your participation grade (refer to participation requirements in the Grading section). If you anticipate any absences during the quarter, please inform me BEFORE the class starts.
Here is what I expect you to do in class:
 - Be on time for every class and refrain from leaving early
 - Actively engage in class discussions and group activities
 - Check your assignments regularly on Canvas
 - Ensure that you complete the homework and readings before class
 - Speak only in English during our class
- **Withdrawal from the Course:** You are responsible for dropping the class if you decide not to continue your enrollment. Consistently missing classes and failing to submit assignments will significantly impact your grade, potentially leading to an unsatisfactory final grade.
- **Graded Assignments:** Graded assignments include writing assignments, quizzes, presentations, discussions, journals, and other small assignments. You'll have to complete and submit homework before each class. You can find all the homework assignments and quizzes on Canvas. Please check Canvas regularly to ensure you finish and turn in your assignments on time.
- **Late Homework Policy:** If you miss a class, please get the assignment(s) from Canvas and discuss the instructions if needed with your classmates or the instructor. Assignments will not be accepted if they are more than a week late or if the answers have been discussed in class. Assignments not submitted by the late turn-in date (a week after the due date) will receive a zero.

Non-credit ESL Policy Statement

All requirements and policies for noncredit classes are exactly the same as credit classes - including course content, assignments, grading, and attendance. Noncredit students are expected to come to every class, study, and do homework just like credit students.

Academic Integrity

As a student at De Anza, you join a community of scholars who are committed to excellence in the teaching and learning process. We assume that all students will pursue their studies with integrity and honesty; however, all students should know that incidents of academic dishonesty are taken very seriously. When students are caught cheating or plagiarizing, a process is begun which may result in severe consequences. Please review [De Anza's policies for a comprehensive explanation of academic dishonesty \(cheating and plagiarism\) and the consequences of academic dishonesty](#).

Student Resources

- [Disability Support Programs and Services](#)
- [Online Education Center](#)
- [Health Services](#)
- [Writing and Reading Center \(WRC\)](#)
- [De Anza Listening and Speaking Center](#)
- [Student Success Center](#)
- [Student Success and Retention Services](#)
- [Counseling/Academic advising](#)
- [English Performance Success](#)
- [Food Pantry](#)
- [Office of College Life](#)

Important Dates

January 8	First day of winter quarter
January 15	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday – no classes
January 20	Last day to add classes
January 21	Last day to drop classes with a W
February 16-19	Presidents' Holiday – no classes
March 1	Last day to drop classes with a W
March 25-29	Final exams

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***This syllabus is subject to change when necessary.**