

ESL 244/444 - Intermediate English as a Second Language

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Mon-Thu 10:00am-12:20pm ♦ HYBRID ♦ 10 units

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Welcome to ESL 244/444!

This class will help you improve your English so that you can be more successful in your academic and personal life. We will work on speaking, listening, reading, grammar, and writing skills. We will learn together using a grammar book, a reading book, videos, lectures, and computer software. **You can expect 15 hours of homework every week, so be sure to make enough time in your schedule to finish all the required assignments.**

Student Learning Outcomes

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

Prerequisites

A passing grade in ESL 234 or 434 or a qualifying assignment from the ESL Guided Self Placement.

Required Texts

1. Focus on Grammar 3, **Fifth Edition**, by Marjorie Fuchs, Margaret Bonner and Miriam Westheimer
2. Reading Explorer 3 by Nancy Douglas (Third Edition)
3. Packet (Either print **it** or download it to your desktop – you can find it on Canvas – DOCUMENT folder)

This is a 10-unit class. You need to have the 2 required texts. **Used copies can be purchased but must be COMPLETELY erased.**

Non-Credit Students

Students taking the class non-credit (ESL 244) have the exact same requirements and assignments as credit students. That means all students, including non-credit, must participate in class, complete homework assignments, take quizzes and exams, and follow the attendance rules for the class. A non-credit student is not allowed to pick only some parts of the class to participate in. If this happens or if the student does not follow the requirements for the course, he or she will be immediately dropped. Also, all students must be able to regularly attend both the in person and online portions of the class. If you can't commit to these class requirements, please drop the course.

Course Requirements – What is important for your success in our class?

Participation and attendance: It's all about practice!

To improve your communication skills in English, you need to practice as much as you can this quarter. Active participation is an important part of your grade, so it will be observed daily. Every class you will receive 1, 2, 3, or no points for your

participation. Students who participate actively and speak only English in class will receive 3 points. Students whose participation and commitment to speaking English in class is limited will receive 2 points. Students whose participation is poor will receive only 1 point. Students whose participation is very poor and who speak their native language frequently in class will receive no points.

Participation in online classes is equally important. Students must choose an appropriate place to attend class free of most distractions. Additional information given on a separate handout.

Attendance is also very important in this class. Plan to attend every class and arrive a few minutes before class begins. **If you miss more than THREE classes for ANY reason, you may be dropped from the class, receive a "W" or fail the class depending on the day of your fifth absence. If you miss more than three classes, you will lose all your participation and attendance points (-10%).** Three late arrivals to class will count as one absence. If miss more than 45 minutes of class, that counts as one absence, not a tardy. **If you come back from our break late, that also counts as a late mark also. If you miss a class during the first two weeks, please let your instructor know, or you will be dropped from class.**

Homework

Homework assignments will be given every day and must be completed **before** coming to class.

- If you miss class, it is your responsibility to turn in homework online on Canvas.
- If you are absent when the instructor checks homework, you will get no points unless you email her the homework pages on the same day of class.
- If you miss a class, it is also your responsibility to go on canvas, get the assignments for the next class, and come to the next meeting prepared.

Quizzes/Exams

We will have several announced and unannounced grammar, vocabulary quizzes, and reading quizzes. Therefore, it is important for you to always be prepared by doing your homework and revising the class materials. We will also have a midterm and a final exam. No makeup exams/quizzes will be given. If you have a serious problem, call or email the instructor as soon as possible.

Oral Presentations

You will deliver 3 oral presentations in this class. Two presentations will be individual, but we will also have a group presentation where you will demonstrate your ability to work collaboratively (together) with your classmates (remotely).

Writing Assignments

This quarter you will write several multi-drafted writing assignments. Additionally, you will write several in-class writing assignments. In these assignments, you will demonstrate your understanding of the grammar topics, vocabulary, and paragraph development topics covered in class. Out-of-class writing assignments must be typed and follow academic formatting standards (the packet contains an example of perfect formatting. Please visit your instructor during office hour for assistance in revising your assignments.)

LSC Reports

In this class, you are required to attend 8 hours of conversation workshops (WRC). You will write a separate report for each hour completed.

Academic Honesty

Plagiarism is presenting another person's words or ideas as your own. You should use your own words when you complete your homework assignments. If you copy words from another source without acknowledging the source (including another student or a family member), you are plagiarizing (stealing). At De Anza, plagiarism is considered a serious offense. No AI or translator apps can be used for ANY part of your assignments. If the professor finds instances of AI usage, translator apps, or any other type of plagiarism, even just a small part of the assignment, the grade will be zero.

Electronic Devices

Use of any electronic device other than your computer during our online class is NOT ALLOWED. If you need help translating something, please ask your teacher. When you come to our class meeting, always put your phone on **silent** and **no vibrate**, and put it away. Students caught using unauthorized electronic devices during class meetings will lose participation points.

Grading

Letter grades will be used to evaluate your work in this class. Your grade will reflect the quality of your work and the effort you put into completing the assignments. A “+” or a “-” will also be given. Students need to score at least 60% on the final exam to be eligible for getting a passing grade in class.

Active Participation and Attendance	10%
Homework Assignments/Workshops Reports	10%
Reading/Vocabulary Journals/Reading and Vocabulary Assessments	10%
Listening and Speaking activities and Assessments	10%
Writing Assignments	15%
Grammar Assignments/Assessment	15%
Midterm	10%
Final Exam (Includes Final Oral Presentation)	20%



TOTAL	100%
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97-100=A+, 96-93=A, 92-90=A-, 87-89=B+, 83-86=B, 80-82=B-, 77-79=C+, 76-73=C, 72-68=D+, 67-64=D, 63-60=D-, 0-59=F

A student must obtain at least a 60% grade on the final exam to get a passing grade in class.

Important Dates

Jan 15th: Martin Luther King Jr. – No Classes
Jan 20th: Last day to add
Jan 21st: Last day to drop classes without a W
Feb 19th: President’s holiday – No Classes

Final exam: March 29th from 9:15-11:15am

A Final Note



By the end of this class you will be a better English communicator. Improving your English does not come without effort. If you put maximum effort into your work, you will be surprised at how much progress you can make. Don't worry; you don't have to do it alone. **I am here to help you.** Come visit me during office hours if you need extra help. Together we can accomplish great things. So, let's get busy, work hard, and enjoy the quarter!

