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ESL 252

Spring Quarter:

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Prerequisites: A passing grade in English as a Second Language 244; or qualifying score on the English as a Second Language placement test. Students may also take English as a Second Language 251 and 253 concurrently.

Course Description: ESL 252 is a high-intermediate reading course designed to provide students opportunities to learn, practice, and refine their reading skills. Over the quarter students will do an extensive amount of reading and writing. The emphasis will be primarily based on reading comprehension and critical thinking, together with vocabulary building and language use. Assignments will include: fiction and non-fiction readings, classroom-text readings, and written assignments. Through the assignments students will develop and practice these skills, with the goal of becoming successful independent readers.

Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Demonstrate comprehension of literal and inferred meaning of level-specific reading materials.
2. Identify organization and rhetorical modes of extended reading materials.
3. Identify the main and supporting ideas of a level-appropriate text.
4. Demonstrate understanding and usage of level-specific vocabulary in readings.

Learning Objectives for the Course:

- Demonstrate literal comprehension of extended written materials
- Answer comprehension questions based on inferred meaning from context of extended written materials
- Recognize the use of comparison/contrast and classification in extended written materials
- Expand recognition vocabulary
- Read and comprehend sentences containing targeted grammatical structures

Required Texts:

- *Concepts for Today* 4th ed., by Lorraine C. Smith & Nancy Nici Mare
- (Additional readings to be announced)

Attendance Policy: I will take attendance at every class meeting and will consider your attendance record when I figure out your final grade. Since I will consider your class preparation and participation as part of your grade, I do expect you to meet for every class and to be prepared. If you have more than two unexcused absence, your grade will drop one letter. If you have more than 3 unexcused absence you can be dropped from the course. If you do have to miss a class, you will need to find out what you have missed and make up the work. Please be punctual for tardiness is counted. For every two times you are counted tardy, they are counted as one unexcused absence.

Determination of Grade: Your final grade for the course will be primarily based on the quizzes, readings and the written assignments, both take-home and in-class writing. Again, class attendance and participation will also be considered as part of your grade.

Distribution of Grade

Additional Readings & Quiz	= 30 points
Quizzes (3)	= 75 points
Preparation/Participation	= 30 points
Final Exam	= <u>70 points</u>
	205 points

Plagiarism: All work submitted must be original work done for this class. Plagiarism is a form of cheating or fraud. It occurs when a student misrepresents the work of another as his or her own words. Plagiarism may consist of using the ideas, sentences, paragraphs, or the whole text of another source without appropriate acknowledgement, but it also includes employing or allowing another person to write or substantially alter work that a student then submits as his or her own. Any assignment found to be plagiarized will be given a no credit grade, and the student will not be allowed to resubmit the assignment. All instances of plagiarism in the Division of Humanities will be reported to the Dean of Language Arts and may be reported to the College of Affairs Officer for further action.

Cell Phones/Smart Phones: Although smart phones are a wonderful and convenient invention, they can be very disruptive when either they ring in class or students are distracted by text-messages or surfing the internet and are not 100% involved in the class. Therefore, it is required that all cell phones are used for only ESL 252 purposes!

Final Exam: June 22nd, Tuesday from 9:15 AM to 11:15 AM