

ESL 273.14 Z - Introduction to the Essay

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

ESL 273 is an advanced-level course for students whose native language is other than English. In the course, students will review paragraph writing and be introduced to the principles of the essay to prepare them for college level classes.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- A.** Write well-developed essays that analyze and synthesize main ideas and differing viewpoints from a variety of academic reading materials.
- B.** Demonstrate level-specific grammar, sentence structures, and vocabulary in writing.
- C.** Evaluate own writing for rhetorical structure and clarity by means of revision and editing.

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

Final Draft 4 by Asplin and Jacobs

PREREQUISITE:

English as a Second Language 261, 262, and 263 with a grade of C or better; or qualifying score on the ESL placement test

GRADING GUIDELINES:

Your grade will be based on the following:

1. Out of Class Essays	30%	90-100%= A
2. In-Class Writing Exams	35%	80-89%= B
3. Final Reflective Essay Exam	10%	70-79%= C
4. Quizzes	15%	65-69%= D
5. Participation	10%	0-64%= F

ESSAY ASSIGNMENTS:

Three out-of-class essays and two in-class essays will be assigned. The take-home essays must be typed, double-spaced, and submitted to turnitin through Canvas.

IN-CLASS WRITING EXAMS AND QUIZZES:

No make-up exams or quizzes will be given unless documentation for an emergency is provided.

ASSIGNMENTS POLICY:

You are required to complete all assignments by the due date. Ten percent will be deducted for each day an assignment is submitted late. Submissions will not be accepted more than three days late. All

rough drafts must be submitted on time to be evaluated.

ESSAY REQUIREMENTS

- Essay Length: Each essay needs to include a minimum of five paragraphs with an introduction, body paragraphs, and a conclusion. All essays need to be two-three pages.
- Format: All essays need to be double spaced in 12 font and include a Works Cited page listing the sources used in MLA format. Indent each paragraph and use one- inch margins for each assignment.

PORTFOLIO

These are the two criteria for passing the class.

1. a score of 70% or better on the coursework
2. a passing portfolio

The portfolio should include one revised out-of-class essay, two unrevised in-class essays, and one reflective essay. The portfolio is due on the day of the final exam.

ATTENDANCE:

If you miss more than three class meetings for any reason, you may be dropped from the class. If you stop coming to class, it is your responsibility to drop.

CHEATING AND PLAGIARISM:

Plagiarism is presenting another's work as your own or copying sentences, phrases, or passages from a source without crediting the author. Anyone engaging in cheating or plagiarism in any form will receive no credit for the assignment or exam.

PARTICIPATION:

You will often work with other classmates in pairs or small groups to share ideas and discuss homework. It is important that you come to class prepared to actively participate in class discussions. Failure to do so may lower your grade.

SUPPORT SERVICES:

- Writing and Reading Center (WRC) in AT 309 <http://www.deanza.edu/studentssuccess/writing-reading-center/>
- Academic Skills in ATC 302 <http://deanza.edu/studentssuccess/>
- Counseling/Academic Advising <http://www.deanza.edu/counseling/>
- Online tutoring is available through Smarthinking at your MyPortal. See this link on how to use it: <http://www.deanza.edu/studentssuccess/onlinetutoring/>
- Purdue Online Writing Lab (Purdue OWL): https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/purdue_owl.htm

IMPORTANT DATES:

Holiday: Monday, July 5

Portfolio Submission: Submit your portfolio online by 5pm on August 5.

