

## **Course Syllabus**

### **IELI 2450 Topics**

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Required Text and Materials: To be announced

Materials provided by the instructor: most photocopies for class use

**The Course Focuses** on using and developing all language skills: reading, writing, speaking, and/or listening through content-based instructions on a variety of contemporary topics.

**Expected Learner Outcomes** - Students demonstrate ability to engage in interactions and performances (such as classroom discussions, oral presentations, etc.) and/or produce products (such as oral/written exams, written papers, posters, PowerPoint presentations, etc.) that require the use of language skills appropriate to the topic and level.

### Course Content

Daily coursework consists mostly of reading or viewing level-appropriate selections drawn from books, newspapers, and websites. Students are expected to memorize some vocabulary then demonstrate an ability to use that vocabulary in spoken presentations and writing assignments. Assignments will require the recall and basic interpretation of facts, the formulation of simple summaries, and the basic analysis and defense of opinions. Evaluation of skill comes from daily quizzes, scheduled tests, long and short writing assignments, and presentations to the class and within groups.

### Attendance

Roll will be taken and attendance recorded to aid the teacher in understanding the progress and needs of the students. According to university policy, attendance is not a calculated factor in the course grade.

### General Performance Evaluation Guidelines:

Quizzes 50%

Tests 40%

Presentations 10%

### Grading Scale:

100 - 93 % = A 82 - 80% = B- 69 - 67%= D+

92 - 90% = A- 79 - 78%= C+ 66 - 60%= D

89 - 88% = B+ 77 - 73%= C Below 60% = F

87 - 83% = B 72 - 70%= C-

It is IELI policy that students must earn a C- or higher to demonstrate completion of class goals and progress to the next level.

### Important semester dates:

(Some of these dates do not affect this course directly.)

Classes Begin	Monday	Aug 29
Labor Day	Monday	Sep 05
Friday Class Schedule	Thursday	Oct 20
Fall Break	Friday	Oct 21
Thanksgiving Holiday	Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	Nov 23, 24, 25
No-Test Week	Monday - Friday	Dec 05-09
Classes End	Friday	Dec 09
Final Examinations	Monday - Friday	Dec 12-16

## **IELI Policies and Practices**

### **IELI Attendance Policy**

Learning a language requires that you actively attend and participate in your classes. If you do not regularly attend classes, you may miss important information and fail the class, not progressing to the next level in the IELI program. For students studying on a visa, if you miss more than a week of class we are obligated to contact the Office of Global Engagement to report your absence. Missing multiple classes and/or failing multiple courses can have serious consequences for some students as it can be grounds for revoking their visa and requiring the students to immediately return to their country.

## **Grading**

The grades you get for each class are based on the work you do for that class. Attendance and effort are important factors for successful learning but do not directly affect your grade. It is important for you to do your best on all your in-class and at home activities as they will be graded on how well you complete these activities. Successful completion of these activities will help you gain the knowledge and skills you need to meet learner outcomes for each course.

## **Progressing to the next level**

You must receive a grade of C- or better in any IELI class in order to pass that class and move to the next level of that class. Students who receive lower than a C- are required to repeat the class until they receive a passing grade. If you are not passing a class at mid-term you will be re-registered for the class until final grades are posted. If your final grade shows that you passed the class, you will be moved up into the next level or the class will be dropped.

If you want to check on how well you met the learner outcomes for each class, there are two ways to do so: 1) you can get a copy of the student achievement form from the IELI staff assistants or 2) you can access your grade on the USU website and then compare the grade to the Grade Descriptions on the IELI website (Current Students -> Academics-> Grade Descriptions).

## **In-term evaluations**

Your professors will inform you, in writing, of your grade three times during the semester (e.g. approximately 4 weeks, 8 weeks and 12 weeks). For the midterm evaluation, IELI faculty assign a letter grade to students in each of their classes. If you are doing work at a level lower than C in any of your classes, your professor will meet with you to discuss what you will need to do to pass the class.