IELI 2420 Writing from Academic Sources
Intensive English Language Institute
College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences
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TTH 9:00 AM – 10:15 AM  Old Main 343
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Required Text and Materials
Material will be provided by the instructor. We will also be using a website to develop writing skills. More will be discussed later in the semester. On occasion, you’ll be asked to bring a laptop to work on.

Major Course Activities
Papers: We will work on four or five papers, each being three to four pages long. Each paper will cover a common type or university writing assignment. You will work on the paper, get feedback from your peers, get feedback from me, rewrite your paper and hand in a final draft.

Intermediate Drafts: As stated above for each paper you write you will do one or two intermediate drafts that either I or other students will look at. Therefore it is important that you do your best on each of the drafts so that we can give you the best feedback and suggestions for changes.
Please note that we will be using “Turnitin” this semester for all your papers. Turnitin matches your paper against a large database of papers to ensure that what you write is your own work and not plagiarized (see university policy on plagiarism below).
Assignments: All assignments are designed to help you successfully negotiate the major papers. All work will be counted towards your final grade. It is important that you participate in the class activities in order to receive the full benefits of this course. Note: Any late assignments will be penalized one grade for each day late. Please note the time that class starts— if you are late, so is your work. Make sure and show up on time and turn in your assignment to receive full credit.

Evaluation:

- Assignments 30%
- In class writing 10%
- Intermediate Drafts 10%
- Major Papers 50%

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

IELI POLICIES AND PRACTICES

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 assignments 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.

94% = A 90-93% = A- 86-89% = B+ 83-85% = B 80-82% = B- 76-79% = C+ 73-75% = C 70-72% = C- 60-69% = D below 60% = F

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.

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.

For USU Plagiarism Policy, Students with Disabilities Policy, Withdrawal Policy and “I” Grade Policy, Academic Integrity - "The Honor System" visit: [http://www.usu.edu/provost/faculty-life/syllabus.cfm](http://www.usu.edu/provost/faculty-life/syllabus.cfm)

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