

IELI 2420 Writing from Academic Sources

Intensive English Language Institute
College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences
Utah State University Fall 2017
TTH 9:00 AM – 10:15 AM Old Main 343
M 11:30 AM – 12:20 PM FL 109

Course Description

IELI 2420 introduces you to academic writing demands. You gather information from various sources, such as interviews, surveys, and academic texts; analyze and summarize the information; and write documented essays and reports.

Course Goals

You learn

- academic research skills needed in university-level coursework
- academic writing skills
- computer skills needed to participate in a writing class

Learner Outcomes

You display academic research skills by

- showing in your writing that you can evaluate sources
- gather relevant information
- use electronic library databases and the Internet for information gathering

You display academic writing skills by showing in your writing

- a clear focus and overall organization typical of various academic genres
- information that has been paraphrased/summarized from multiple sources
- acknowledgement of others' ideas through in-text citations and reference lists
- use of language (syntax, grammar, vocabulary) that does not interfere with comprehensibility

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by appointment

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>

Important Dates

Classes Begin	Monday	Aug 28
Labor Day	Monday	Sep 04
Friday Class Schedule	Thursday	Oct 19
Fall Break	Friday	Oct 20
Thanksgiving Holiday	Wednesday - Friday	Nov 22 - 24
Classes End	Friday	Dec 08
Final Examinations	Monday - Friday	Dec 11 - 15