IELI 2320 Writing from Authentic Texts

Intensive English Language Institute
College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences
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T TH 9:00 am – 10:15 pm GEOL 302
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Textbook:


2. Criterion Enrollment Card – available ONLY in the USU bookstore under ETS Criterion Card. It will have an access code for you to register to the Criterion service online.

Catalog Description:

The course focuses on developing writing skills at the intermediate level, moving from the paragraph to the academic essay. Students learn to acknowledge sources and use the library and the Internet to inform their writing.

Course Goals

Students will progress from paragraph to essay-level writing at an intermediate level

Expected Learner Outcomes

Students will write a well-developed and organized composition of 3-5 paragraphs or more that uses grammar appropriate to the task and follows the conventions of academic writing

Students will write different types of essay/multi-paragraph texts

Students will write a coherent essay/multi-paragraph text that follows the appropriate rhetorical mode, e.g. comparison-contrast, cause-effect, classification, etc. and uses outside sources.
Assignments and Homework:
Throughout the semester you will be asked to complete tasks designed for you to practice what you learn in class. You will write several pieces of writing including comparison/contrast, cause/effect, and reaction essays. These are extremely important for you to complete in order to successfully learn the strategies and become a skillful student.

Criterion:
In this class you will be using an online service called Criterion. It is a tool that will help you with your writing. Basically, it lets you submit your writing and evaluates it for you based on your language and organization. This way you will have some feedback before you submit your final work to your teacher. We will have an instruction session in class to which you will have to bring the Enrollment Card. I will inform you in advance when to bring the card.

Canvas:
You will be able to submit your essays in there as well as access additional information and materials (like this syllabus). We will have an in-class instruction on how to use Canvas. You will need your A# and password set up to access this service.

Turnitin:
All your written work will be submitted to the teacher electronically. We will use Canvas Instructure for that. When you submit your work, it will be also submitted to an electronic database called Turnitin to evaluate for plagiarism. You (and your teacher) will receive a report showing a percentage of how similar your paper is to other sources. Anything over 20% will receive a 0 for that assignment. The student will be given a chance to resubmit the assignment for half the points possible.

Final Exam:
At the end of the semester you will write your final essay. You will work on it in class and to complete it you will use the skills you will learn throughout the semester.

Evaluation:
Academic Writing Assignments 50%


Extensive Writing                                             30%
Times Writing Assignments                             20%

Grading Scale:
According to IELI grading policy any grade below C- is a failing grade
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-

Student’s Responsibility
Students are expected to study each chapter, complete the homework assignments that will be handed in, and be prepared to make meaningful contributions to each class discussion. Students are expected to take an active role in learning and improving their language skills through study and participation in and out of class. You will get what you put into this class. Be a proactive learner!

USU and IELI attendance policy
Attendance is not only important for learning but essential for international students on an F-1 or J-1 visa to maintain their legal immigration status. IELI works closely with the office of Global Engagement to ensure that our students maintain their immigration status and will report students who regularly miss class. Consequently, the following attendance policy will be enforced.

Missing consecutive classes. If a student misses 7 consecutive classes for any one class without contacting the instructor and providing valid proof of absence (e.g. a medical excuse from a doctor), their immigration status will be terminated and they will be sent home.

Total classes. If a student misses 7 total class hours for any one class or 22 total class hours in any one semester, their immigration status will be terminated and they will be sent home. USU policy - excused absences. According to the USU policy, a student may not miss more than 20% of any class even if it is excused. This means that you cannot miss more than 9 classes for any one class, even if some of the absences are excused. If a student’s total absences (excused and unexcused) for any class exceeds 9, their immigration status will be terminated and they will be sent home.
**Warnings.** Students will get at least three warnings before their immigration status is terminated. It is the student’s responsibility to provide a current e-mail address to IELI and the office of Global Engagement and check their e-mail regularly. If a student’s immigration status is terminated, they will be given 15 days to leave the U.S.

Any lateness in presenting will be due only to excused, extenuating circumstances or prior permission from the instructor. Unexcused lateness in presenting automatically reduces your grade for that presentation 10% per day. Homework is due on the day specified for each assignment. **No homework will be accepted after it has been graded and handed back to the class.**

**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.

- You are expected to come to all of your classes prepared and on time.
- In cases of emergency, sickness, or religious holiday observance, you will be allowed to miss class **2 times** in the semester.
- You are expected to inform your teacher of your absence as soon as you can (for religious observance, inform me at the beginning of the semester which day you’d like to take off) and email is sufficient.

**Academic Honesty/Integrity**
You are expected to follow USU Academic Honesty/Integrity Policy, which forbids cheating, falsification, and plagiarism. To learn about the Policy go to [http://catalog.usu.edu/content.php?catoid=4&navoid=547](http://catalog.usu.edu/content.php?catoid=4&navoid=547). If you are caught committing any of the described violations, you will first receive a warning from your teacher and a record of it will be put in your file. You will also be asked to complete additional assignments for the class. If you violate this policy for the second time, you will be subject to the disciplinary actions described in Section 3 of the Academic Honesty/Integrity.

**Students with Disabilities:**

The Americans with Disabilities Act states: "Reasonable accommodation will be provided for all persons with disabilities in order to ensure equal participation within the program. If a student has a disability that will likely require some accommodation by the instructor, the student must contact the instructor and document the disability through the Disability Resource Center (797-2444), preferably during the first week of the course. Any request for special consideration relating to attendance, pedagogy, taking of examinations, etc., must be discussed with and approved by the instructor. In cooperation with the Disability Resource Center, course materials can be provided in alternative format, large print, audio, diskette, or Braille."