

IELI 1220 Writing from Sources

Intensive English Language Institute
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About this course

This course focuses on sentence and paragraph writing. You will learn how to construct a good paragraph and how to write different kinds of paragraphs through a process approach to writing. Students will gather information from various sources, organize it, and present it in written form.

Course Objectives:

Given a topic, students write a well-constructed paragraph with . . .

- a clear topic sentence
- supporting details
- transitions
- appropriate features for the genre
- a conclusion

There will also be announced and unannounced quizzes based on the work that is to be prepared **before each class period**. They will usually be based on assignments from the textbook. You must be in class when the quiz **begins** to take the quiz. If you miss a class quiz for **any** reason, you cannot take it at any other time.

Required Text and Materials:

1. LONGMAN ACADEMIC WRITING SERIES 3: PARAGRAPHS TO ESSAYS By: OSHIMA **MUST BE NEW**

Other 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.

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.

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

In-class work	30%
Graded assignments	25%
Writing Journal	20%
Formal Writing assignments	25%

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 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.

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