Syllabus (tentative and subject to change)

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Materials Required: All materials will be provided by the instructor on Canvas

Catalog Description: This course is an introduction to contemporary topics in culture and language. It focuses on language development through content-based instruction.

Expected Learner Outcomes
- Improve reading, listening, comprehension, spoken English, and writing through content-based instruction
- Study grammar related to course content
- Use technology relevant to course goals

Assignments: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this course will be held completely online. We will use Canvas to access all of the course assignments and activities. Your semester will be divided into 7 two-week units (Modules in Canvas). Each unit will be centered around one topic. Units will consist of series of activities aimed at learning from materials (articles, podcasts, TED Talks, videos, etc.), vocabulary needed for the topic, and grammar suppurating the topic.

Course Subject: In this course, we will explore the history of Civil Rights in the U.S.A. See the table below to see the course schedule, topics explored, and the distribution of assignments.

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<th>Unit Topic</th>
<th>Dates</th>
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<td>Welcome</td>
<td>Week 10 (9/01 – 9/06)</td>
<td>Syllabus, using Canvas, using Flipgrid, using Quizlet, Introductions</td>
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<td>Slavery</td>
<td>Week 2 (09/07-09/13)</td>
<td>Complete reading &amp; listening activities + vocabulary</td>
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<td>Week 3 (09/14-09/20)</td>
<td>Slavery Presentation: choose an article or a video and record a Flipgrid presentation</td>
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<td>Emancipation</td>
<td>Week 4 (09/21-09/27)</td>
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<td>Reconstruction</td>
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<td>Civil Rights Movement</td>
<td>Week 10 (11/02-11/08)</td>
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Week 11 (11/09-11/15) | Civil Rights Movement Presentation: choose an article or a video and record a Flipgrid presentation

Systemic Racism

Week 12 (11/16-11/22) | Complete reading & listening activities + vocabulary

Week 13 (11/23-11/29) | Systemic Racism Presentation: choose an article or a video and record a Flipgrid presentation

Topic of Choice

Week 14 (11/30-12/06) | Final Project: Choose and submit topic + sources + vocabulary

Week 15 (11/07-11/10) | Final Project: Submit outline + present on the topic in Flipgrid

**Final Project:** For your final project, you will choose one of the topics you’ve explored in the semester. You will identify credible sources, create a new vocabulary list, an outline, and present what you’ve learned in a short Flipgrid presentation. You will receive all of the project instructions in the second part of the semester via Canvas.

**Final Grade:** Your final grade will be calculated by your completion of assignments in course units weighted as follows:
- Welcome: 5%
- Slavery: 10%
- Emancipation: 15%
- Reconstruction: 15%
- Jim Crow Era: 15%
- Civil Rights Movement: 15%
- Systemic Racism: 15%
- Topic of Choice: 10%

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

100 – 93% = A
92 – 90% = A-
89 - 88% = B+
87 – 83% = B
82 - 80% = B-
79 – 78% = C+
77 – 73% = C
72 – 70% = C-
69 – 67% = D+
66 – 60% = D
Below 60% = F

**Canvas:** During this course we will use Canvas Instructure as our on-line class component. Canvas is Utah State University’s Learning Management System (LMS) that helps us deliver class content online. You will be able to access additional information and materials (like this syllabus). You will need your A# and password set up to access this service.

**Edpuzzle:** This tool will help us with understanding recorded lectures. It will pause the video and ask you to answer questions about the content of the lecture. You will be able to access it straight from Canvas assignments. You will not have to do any additional tool setup.

**Flipgrid:** We will use this tool to record video presentations and give each other feedback. You will be able to access it straight from Canvas assignments. You will not have to do any additional tool setup.
**Quizlet:** To study and practice vocabulary, we will use Quizlet, a free app and website. You will find a join link in Canvas (Welcome module) that will guide you in opening your free account and joining our IELI 2450 Fall 2020 course.

**Participation:** You are required to participate. You show participation by completing your assignments and submitting them on time.

**Make up work and assignments:**
- Assignments are due on the posted due date (see Canvas).
- I reserve the right to refuse accepting late assignments.
- Contact me as soon as possible to arrange a make up

**Important Dates:**
- September 1, Tuesday – course begins
- September 7, Monday – Labor Day
- November 26, Thursday – Thanksgiving
- December 10, Thursday – Last day of classes, final assignment due

**IELI Policies and Practices (adjusted due to the COVID-19 pandemic)**

**IELI and USU 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. 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.

**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.

**Attendance Policy practice for this course:** In this online course, you will show attendance by completing your assignments on Canvas. Three weeks-worth of missed assignments makes 20% of the course. If you do not contact me within that time and provide a reasonable excuse, you may fail the course.

**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 activities as they will be graded on how well you complete them. 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.

**Course Recordings and Instructional Material:** Any instructional material available on
Canvas is for students’ personal use ONLY. Please, do not share with people outside of
the class or post on publicly available venues any of the material (this syllabus, uploaded
videos, rubrics, classmates’ videos) without permission of the instructor and your
classmates.

**Course Submissions:** The instructor reserves the right to use any submitted assignments
(documents, images, videos) for educational and professional purposes such as
instructional material in future classes, training for colleagues, or professional
presentations. Please, let me know if you would like to know more about this or would
like to opt out of it.

**Diversity and Respect:** Our course is wonderfully diverse. We all represent different
languages, cultures, races, genders and orientations, abilities, and opinions. I ask that you
keep your mind open and listen rather than judge. and respectful. Be patient while you
help others understand your experiences. Be curious and respectful while others are
sharing their stories. I will be beside you with guidance and language to facilitate your
discussions. For more resources on diversity, equity, and inclusion refer to this website:
http://www.usu.edu/provost/diversity/

**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: https://studentconduct.usu.edu/studentcode/article6
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."