IELI 2320-001 Writing from Authentic Texts, Spring 2020

Class time & place: Wed 11:30-12:20, Main 343
Tues & Thurs 1:30-2:45, Engr 202

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Important Dates
First Day of IELI Classes Tues, Jan 7
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Mon, Jan 20
IELI curriculum day Fri, Feb 14
Presidents’ Day Mon, Feb 17
Spring Break Mon-Fri, Mar 02-06
No-Test Week Wed-Tues, Apr 15-21
Last Day of Classes Tues, Apr 21

Course Description
This 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 intermediate essay-level writing
• write different types of essays/multi-paragraph texts

Expected Learner Outcomes
1) 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

2) Given a task, 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.

Evaluation
Assessments: Graded paragraphs and essays include scores for prewriting work, first drafts, and final drafts. Timed writings will be done in class each Thursday. “Other” items include quizzes and various assignments such as vocabulary notebook work, reading work, and graded textbook homework.

Paragraphs 30% (2-4 paragraphs)
Essays 30% (2-4 essays)
Timed Writings 20% (Every Thursday)
Other 20%
TOTAL 100%
Final Grade: Your final grade for the class will be assigned as follows, based on the percentage of points earned throughout the semester. Note that a grade of at least C- is required to pass IELI courses.

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Attendance & Make-Up Work

It is important to come to class and arrive on time. If you cannot attend a class, remember that you are the one responsible for finding out what you’ve missed. Please inform your instructor by email, so you can receive any homework or other instructions.

If you miss any announced exams, quizzes, or other graded activities or due dates, because of a situation beyond your control (for example, a serious medical emergency), and you can provide evidence that this is the case (such as a doctor’s note) the instructor will allow you to make up the work. However, if you miss a graded assignment or fail to complete classwork for other reasons, the instructor generally will NOT allow you to make up missed work. The instructor will decide in each case, based on the above and IELI / USU policies.

Participation

**Active Involvement:** During class you are expected to actively participate in partner and group discussions and activities, and continue to focus on and extend your language practice if you complete tasks early. Be prepared to participate as well in general class discussions and activities. You must be attentive and should be prepared to take notes, share ideas, ask questions, and be involved.

**English Environment:** Use English to communicate during class. If necessary, your native language can be used (very briefly) to ask a classmate for help or to give help to a classmate, but this must be infrequent.

**ICDs:** ICDs (Internet / Communication Devices) such as smartphones, tablets, and laptops may be used for classwork purposes such as using a dictionary service (an English-English dictionary such as learnersdictionary.com is strongly recommended). Your instructor may ask you to use your device for some class activities.

Your instructor will restrict use of ICDs during quizzes, tests, and certain activities, or when the class-only requirement has not been followed.
Tips for Success

In the classroom
- Attend class every day. Don’t be late. Bring the class materials.
- Pay attention. Take notes. Have a positive attitude.
- Ask your teacher if you need help or have a question.
- Try hard. Participate in class and group discussions.

Outside the classroom
- Take care of yourself. Make healthy habits and get enough sleep.
- Look for chances to use and practice what you are learning.
- Always do the homework and complete assignments early. Don’t wait until the last minute.

IELI Policies and Practices

**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 an international 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.

**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.

**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 mid-term 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.

**USU Policies and Practices**

**Grievance Process**
Students who feel they have been unfairly treated [in matters other than discipline, admission, residency, employment, traffic, and parking - which are addressed by procedures separate and independent from the Student Code] may file a grievance through the channels and procedures described in the Student Code: [Article VII Grievances](#).

**Plagiarism**
Plagiarism includes knowingly "representing by paraphrase or direct quotation, the published or unpublished work of another person as one's own in any academic exercise or activity without full and clear acknowledgment. It also includes the unacknowledged use of materials prepared by another person or agency engaged in the selling of term papers or other academic materials." The penalties for plagiarism are severe. They include warning or reprimand, grade adjustment, probation, suspension, expulsion, withholding of transcripts, denial or revocation of degrees, and referral to psychological counseling.

**Sexual Harassment**
Sexual harassment is defined by the Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity Commission as any "unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature." If you feel you are a victim of sexual harassment, you may talk to or file a complaint with the Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity Office located in Old Main, Room 161, or call the AA/EEO Office at (435) 797-1266.

**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 (435) 797-2444, preferably during the first week of the course. Any request for special consideration related 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 will be provided in alternative format (e.g. large print, audio, diskette, or Braille) upon request.

**Withdrawal Policy and "I" Grade Policy**
Students are required to complete all courses for which they are registered by the end of the semester. In some cases, a student may be unable to complete all of the coursework because of extenuating circumstances not due to poor performance or to retain financial aid. The term 'extenuating' circumstances includes: (1) incapacitating illness which prevents a student from attending classes for a minimum period of two weeks, (2) a death in the immediate family, (3) financial responsibilities requiring a student to alter a work schedule to secure employment, (4) change in work schedule as required by an employer, or (5) other emergencies deemed appropriate by the instructor.