IELI 1120 Writing 1
Intensive English Language Institute
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Class Times:  W 9:00 am – 11:00 am
Classroom:  Old Main 066

About this course
This course is the first in a series that is designed to help you learn to write in English. We will focus on the grammar necessary for writing clear sentences and also on the elements of basic paragraphs of narration and description. We may also spend some time on simple expository paragraphs.

Course Objectives:
Students communicate clearly in writing in a level-1 appropriate way
- by means of well-formed simple, compound and complex sentences
- by means of basic narrative and descriptive paragraphs

Required Text and Materials:

Student’s Responsibility
Students are expected to study 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!

IELI POLICIES AND PRACTICES
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 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

Grading
Your grade will be based on the number of points earned against the maximum points possible. Grade distribution will be as follows: Above 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, and below 60% = F.

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You must earn a C- or higher to progress to the next level.

USU Plagiarism Policy
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 acknowledgement. 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” (Code of Policies and Procedures for Students, Article V, Section 3A.1). The penalties for plagiarism are severe. They include “#1) warning or reprimand and #2) grade adjustment” (see: Article VI, Section 1A): Other penalties may also be imposed at the Dean’s discretion. These include probation, suspension, expulsion, withholding of transcripts, denial or revocation of degrees.