

Basic Course Information				
Semester:	Spring 2023	Instructor Name:	Alex Garza	
	ESL 891: Advanced Beginning			
Course Title & #:	ESL 2	Email:	alex.garza@imperial.edu	
CRN #:	22027	Webpage (Canvas):	imperial.instructure.com	
Classroom:	Zoom – link posted in Canvas	Office #:	Zoom/Pronto/Email	
Class Dates:	Feb 13 th – Jun 8th, 2023	Office Hours:	M 11 – 11:30am, 5:55 – 6:25pm, 9:00 – 9:30pm T 11 – 11:30am W 11 – 11:30am, 5:55 – 6:25pm, 9:00 – 9:30pm Th 11 – 11:30am Or by Appointment	
Class Days:	MTWTH	Office Phone #:	760-355-6229	
Class Times:	9:40am – 10:55 am	Emergency Contact:	ESL receptionist: 760-355-6337	
Units:	Noncredit	Class Format:	Real Time Online / Zoom	

Course Description

ESL 891 is an integrated skills course designed for ESL student to develop language skills at the high-beginning level. Students learn to speak and write about personal and workplace topics, give presentations, and express ideas in paragraph form. Students continue to develop reading skills, knowledge of vocabulary, grammatical competence, and overall language comprehension. The course may be taken concurrently with ESL 890. (CEFR A2) (Nontransferable, nondegree applicable)

Course Prerequisite(s) and/or Corequisite(s)

None! All are welcome, but completion of ESL 880, 881, or 890 is encouraged.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon course completion, the successful student will have acquired new skills, knowledge, and or attitudes as demonstrated by being able to:

- 1. Speaking: Can initiate and respond to simple statements on very familiar topics.
- 2. Listening: Can identify basic factual information in short, simple dialogues or narratives on familiar everyday topics, if spoken slowly and clearly.
- 3. Writing: Can write a paragraph on topic of personal interest.

Course Objectives

Upon satisfactory completion of the course, students will be able to: Upon satisfactory completion of the course, students will be able to:

- 1. Engage in conversations about familiar topics in the workplace and in the community;
- 2. Listen and understand materials at the high-beginning level on a variety of topics from various sources;
- 3. Provide short, basic descriptions of people, events, and personal workplace preparedness;
- 4. Write and edit sentences and paragraphs;
- 5. Use the writing process to plan and write a short paragraph on a topic of personal interest;
- 6. Use reading strategies to improve reading comprehension and speed.



Textbooks & Other Resources or Links



Classroom: Zoom

• Our classroom meetings will be a video meeting room called Zoom (for information and a link to download Zoom, click here: Zoom Help)

Homework: Canvas

Textbooks and Materials:

Ellii Online ESL Curriculum

 † these materials are free!

Additional Supplies:

- Regular access to a computer
- A stable internet connection to access and use Canvas, Zoom, email, and Microsoft Word or Google Docs
- Webcam or video camera and microphone for participating in Zoom classes and recording videos

Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

This class will meet on Zoom. Try your best to attend every class meeting and treat it like a regular class. That means that you should be participating, listening, focusing, and practicing your English for the whole class time. Webcams are encouraged. Unmuting your mic and speaking English out loud on Zoom is required.

This class will also consist of online activities on Canvas including discuss and presentations, quizzes, and other, various online assignments. We will watch videos and lectures, practice English, study grammar, and work on our presentation and communication skills.

Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

Pass/No Pass only

Course Policies

Zoom Policy: Classes will be held on Zoom, an online video and meeting platform. Students are expected to attend all class meetings and treat them as a regular class. Distractions should be minimized; for example, join from a quiet space or with headphones on. Students should be able to fully participate and practice their speaking and listening skills for the entire class period. Microphones will be used regularly since we are practicing speaking and listening together. Cameras are encouraged for every class but are required for scheduled presentations.

Participation Policy: People learn better when they are connected as a community. I encourage and expect all students to attend Zoom classes, work together and participate in discussion boards, video posts, and occasional, optional video conferences using English only.

Respectful Use and Speech Policy: All students should be respectful to each other and the instructor. Remember that we are all here to learn, and learning requires practice. Nobody is perfect, and nobody in the class should feel scared or embarrassed about making mistakes. They are a part of learning! I expect all students to be treated with respect. If someone disagrees with an opinion, it is not an opportunity for name-calling or belittling. It is a time to respectfully

^{*}note: we will be using technology in this course. Classes will be held on Zoom. Assignments, quizzes, and discussions may be held or submitted on Canvas. Additionally, you **may** be asked to download, upload, and/or print resources.



listen, contemplate, and learn. We do not have to agree in the discussion boards, but we do have to be respectful and kind. Any instances of disrespect in a discussion or group collaboration should be brought to the instructor's attention and may result in the disrespectful student losing points or being reported to the campus disciplinary officer.

Plagiarism and Academic Honesty Policy: Because I want to ensure that you are practicing and learning in this class, I take plagiarism pretty seriously. Plagiarism happens when you copy words or ideas from somewhere else and submit it or repeat it as your own work. We get better at what we practice, and when we copy, we only get better at copying, not the important English skills we should be practicing. Plagiarism is academic dishonesty and is a very serious problem.

IVC Student Resources

IVC wants you to be successful in all aspects of your education. For help, resources, services, and an explanation of policies, visit http://www.imperial.edu/studentresources or click the heart icon in Canvas.

Anticipated Class Schedule/Calendar

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Week 1	Introduction to the course	Syllabus Intro
Feb 14 th - 16 th		Canvas Zoom
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		Class Expectations
		Autobiography
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		The Super Bowl
		Abraham Lincoln
		Valentine's Day
Week 2	Infinitives and Gerunds	Discussion of Topics
Feb 21 st - 23rd	Mardi Gras	Vocabulary
	Black History Month	Aural and Oral practice
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Week 3	Past Tense	Discussion of Topics
Feb 28 th – Mar 2nd	Information on Presentations	Vocabulary
	Is 2023 a leap year?	Aural and Oral practice
Week 4	Past Tense	Discussion of Topics
Mar 7 th – 9 th	International Women's Day	Vocabulary
	Daylight Savings Time	Aural and Oral practice
	Presentations	
Week 5	Past Tense (BE)	Discussion of Topics
Mar 14 th -16 th	St. Patrick's Day	Vocabulary
	Holi	Aural and Oral practice
	Presentations	
Week 6	Past Progressive	Discussion of Topics
Mar 21 st – 23 rd	Ramadan	Vocabulary
	Presentations	Aural and Oral practice
Week 7	Past Progressive	Discussion of Topics
Mar 28 th – 30 th	Victoria Day	Vocabulary
	Cherry Blossom Festivals	Aural and Oral practice
	Presentations	



Week 8	Past Progressive	Discussion of Topics
Apr 4 th - 6 th	Easter	Vocabulary
	Passover	Aural and Oral practice
	Presentations	
Week 9	SPRING BREAK	
Apr 10 th – 14 th		
Week 10	Future	Discussion of Topics
Apr 18 th – 20 th	Titanic	Vocabulary
	Walk to Work Day	Aural and Oral practice
	Presentations	
Week 11	Future	Discussion of Topics
Apr 25 th – 27 th	Earth Day	Vocabulary
	Golden Week	Aural and Oral practice
	Presentations	
Week 12	Future	Discussion of Topics
May 2 nd – 4 th	May Day	Vocabulary
	Cinco De Mayo	Aural and Oral practice
	Presentations	
Week 13.	Pronunciation	Discussion of Topics
May 9 th – 11 th	Can or Can't	Vocabulary
	Harry S Truman	Aural and Oral practice
	Mother's Day	
	Presentations	
Week 14	Could or Should	Discussion of Topics
May 16 th – 18 th	Pronunciation	Vocabulary
	Red Cross	Aural and Oral practice
	Presentations	
Week 15	Be able to	Discussion of Topics
May 23rd- 25 th	Memorial Day	Vocabulary
	Presentations	Aural and Oral practice
Week 16	May or might	
May 30 th – Jun 1st		
	Presentations	
Week 17	Can or Can't	
June 6 th – 8 th	Final Exam Interviews	
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^{***}Subject to change without prior notice***