



Basic Course Information

Semester:	Spring 2022	Instructor Name:	Rosa Contreras
Course Title & #:	ESL 106: Academic Discourse-US Cultures	Email:	rosa.contreras@imperial.edu
CRN #:	20904	Webpage (Canvas):	imperial.instructure.com
Classroom:	ONLINE	Office #:	2789
Class Dates:	February 14 – June 10	Office Hours:	Mon. 10am-11am via Pronto Tues. 9am-10am in Office Weds. 12pm-1pm in Office Thurs. 9am-10am in Office
Class Days:	ONLINE	Office Phone #:	760-355-5705
Class Times:	ONLINE – All work is due on Sunday at 11:59 pm	Emergency Contact:	ESL Dept. 760-355-6337
Units:	5	Class Format:	ONLINE- Asynchronous

Course Description

ESL 106 is designed for non-native speakers of English. Students will engage in critical analysis, discussion, and written response to works in the Humanities including literature, visual arts, and music with a focus on U.S. cultures and how values are reflected in the development of art and culture. The course will also develop English language skills with a focus on vocabulary, critical reading and composition skills required for more advanced academic discourse. (CSU/UC)

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

ESL 005 or appropriate placement.

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. Analyze and interpret a work of art and/or literature.
2. Write a summary that demonstrates comprehension of a text.
3. Use the writing process to develop a multi-paragraph essay that responds to a prompt and has a clear thesis statement that has a topic and a controlling idea.

Course Objectives

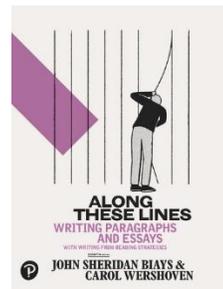
Upon satisfactory completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Write well-organized, multi-paragraph essays (compare/contrast, cause/effect, analysis, and research) which include a thesis statement, appropriate support, and linguistic fluency;

2. Analyze, interpret, evaluate, and summarize a variety of texts and use this critical reading to support essay writing;
3. Use critical thinking skills to analyze and draw from culturally diverse experiences, readings, and discussions to inform essay writing;
4. Develop academic vocabulary through contextual and structural clues;
5. Apply principles of unity, coherence, and transition to essay development;
6. Edit and revise, producing qualitatively improved essays;
7. Introduce and incorporate appropriate paraphrases and quotations into essays;
8. Recognize and produce grammatically correct sentences;
9. Identify and paraphrase main ideas in summary responses.

Textbooks & Other Resources or Links

John Sheridan Biays, Carol Wershoven 2018. *Along These Lines – Writing Paragraphs and Essays* 8th Edition. Upper Saddle River. Pearson ISBN: 978-0321984005.



You will also need:

- Notebook or paper
- Pen or pencil and highlighter
- Regular access to a computer with internet, Canvas, email, and Microsoft Word or Google Docs
- Webcam or video camera and microphone for recording video discussions
- Good notes

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

Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

This course is an online course. There are NO class meetings. You will have a week to complete each module.

Modules OPEN: Monday morning.

Modules CLOSE: Sunday at 11:59 pm

This class will have multiple forms of instruction, including:

- Lecture/Video
- Interactive Video/Activities
- Group Activities
- Activities and exercises on Canvas
- Activities and exercises in an online workbook.

Assignments will include various forms of writing (individual and group), editing, reading and responding, exams, other exercises focusing on sentence structure and form, as well as grammar and mechanics.



Out of Class Assignments: The Department of Education policy states that one (1) credit hour is the amount of student work that reasonably approximates not less than one hour of class time and two (2) hours of out-of-class time per week over the span of a semester. WASC has adopted a similar requirement.

Internet Access: Homework or other information will be posted on the class Canvas site. To get the information, you need to have internet access. If you do not have a computer or internet access at home, you can use the computers at school. Computers are located in the library and in the Language Lab.

Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

The course is built for you to succeed; however, you **MUST** do your work – including the online workbook. If you do not do your work, you will not pass.

This class uses a weighted grading system. The points for each assignment count toward a category. The weights are as follows:

ACTIVITY	PERCENTAGE OF FINAL GRADE
US Culture – Readings, Exercises, and Responses Module	13%
Grammar and Writing Exercises (Canvas)	20%
Think and Discuss/Reflections	12%
Scholarly Writings	15%
Final Writings (paragraphs, essays, summaries)	25%
Unit Exams	15%
Total:	100%

A = 90-100%; B = 80-89%; C = 70-79%; D = 60-69%; F = 59% or below. Students must earn 70% or higher to pass the class.

Work Week: Due dates are on Sundays at 11:59 pm.

Late Work: All homework assignments must be submitted on the date they are due. As a rule, late work is not accepted, and make-up exams are not allowed. If you have an emergency or a health issue and your work will be late, please contact me so we can make arrangements for you to complete your work.

Course Policies

Attendance:

- Any student who does not complete the orientation unit or take at least one practice quiz by the end of the first day of class will be dropped. If you want to add the class, there must be space in the class.
- Regular participation is required. Participation includes:
 - Posting and responding in weekly discussions
 - Completing weekly work on canvas
 - Submitting your work on time
- If there is a problem with completing your work (such as being in the hospital or being sick), please let me know. I am willing to help you, but you need to make sure you communicate with me.

Participation:

To ensure your success, plan to participate in ALL class activities! There are many ways that we can participate, collaborate, and share ideas in an online environment. Here are a few:

- Contribute and share ideas in group discussion boards.
- Attend virtual office hours to ask questions when you do not understand something.
- Reading information from the instructor as well as classmates.
- Be prepared and complete homework before due dates.
- Turning in assignments, quizzes, homework on-time.

What happens if I don't participate?

You may be dropped if you are no longer actively participating in the course, logging into Canvas, and engaging in course material. Active participation includes logging into Canvas and engaging with course content, completing and turning in homework, assignments, and quizzes. If you are unable to log into Canvas for a long period, it is your responsibility to find out everything you missed. You have a personal problem or issue, please communicate with me and let me know what's going on before too much time has passed.

Netiquette and Respectful Use:

IVC's Respectful Use and Netiquette Policy: IVC's official policy about netiquette is as follows:

What is netiquette? Netiquette is internet manners, online etiquette, and digital etiquette all rolled into one word. Basically, netiquette is a set of rules for behaving properly online. Students are to comply with the following rules of netiquette:

1. Identify yourself
2. Include a subject line
3. Avoid sarcasm
4. Respect others' opinions and privacy
5. Acknowledge and return messages promptly
6. Copy with caution
7. Do not spam or junk mail
8. Be concise
9. Use appropriate language
10. Use appropriate emoticons (emotional icons/emojis) to help convey meaning, and
11. Use appropriate intensifiers to help convey meaning [do not use ALL CAPS or multiple exclamation marks (!!!!)]

Our Respectful Use and Netiquette Policy: For this course, 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 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.

Academic Honesty Policy

What's Academic Honesty?

I expect that all students conduct themselves with integrity. All students in my class are held to the highest academic honesty standards. Please help keep this a positive learning environment for all students by doing your own work. The following are examples of plagiarism and/or cheating:

- buying, forging, or copying papers
- plagiarizing or copying chunks of text and then claiming them as your own

- getting someone else to write papers or to take quizzes or tests for you
- doing someone else’s work for them
- copying other’ homework and handing in others’ work as your own
- submitting an assignment/journal that was completed for a different course
- memorizing an essay and using it for a timed essay exam
- sharing information with another person during a test or exam.
- copying and pasting information from webpages;
- copying answers from an answer key or Teacher’s book;
- copying the work from another student in your class, in another class, or from a previous term;
- copying information from a webpage or book in Spanish and submitting the English translation as your work.

*Summary: You may not copy or use material written by another person unless there is proper citation. Cheating or plagiarizing in any form will result in a “zero” for the assignment and/or referral to the Dean of Student. For a complete description of academic honesty policies, see the Imperial Valley College Catalog (www.imperial.edu)

To help keep track of plagiarism, I use UniCheck in our class. UniCheck will run a report and show how much of the paper is exactly like another paper or webpage. If more than 20% of your paper is copied from another source you will lose points off your base score. For example, if the UniCheck score shows 28% of your paper was copied, the best score you will be able to get is 72% (100 points – 28 points = 72 points).

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

Date or Week	Activity, Assignment, and/or Topic	Pages/Due Dates/Test
Week 1 February 14-20	Syllabus & Introduction: Module 1 – Orientation Prewriting, Purpose, Audience	Think and Discuss: What is Art? Canvas Exercises
Week 2 February 21-27	Planning Drafting, Revising, Editing, and Proofreading	Think and Discuss: Photography Canvas Exercises Timed Writing #1
Week 3 Feb. 28- Mar 6	Paragraph #1	Think and Discuss: Public Art Canvas Exercises
Week 4 March 7-13	Summary Writing	Think and Discuss: Sculpture Canvas Exercises Summary Writing Exam 1
Week 5 March 14-20	Paragraph Writing – Illustration	Think and Discuss: Dance Canvas Exercises Timed Writing #2
Week 6 March 21-27	Paragraph Writing – Illustration	Think and Discuss: Music Canvas Exercises Final Writing Illustration Paragraph

Week 7 March 28- April 3	Paragraph Writing – Compare/Contrast	Think and Discuss: Music Canvas Exercises Timed Writing #3
Week 8 April 4-10	Paragraph Writing – Compare/Contrast	Think and Discuss – Music Canvas Exercises Summary Writing
Week 9 April 11-17	Essays – Planning, Thesis Statements From Reading to Writing	Think and Discuss – Music Canvas Exercises Final Writing- Compare/Contrast Paragraph
Spring Break April 18-24	Spring Break****Spring Break***Spring Break***Spring Break You don't have any work due this week, but Week 10 will be open if you want to get a head start.	SPRING BREAK
Week 10 April 25- May 1	Essays – Planning, Thesis Statements (cont.) From Reading to Writing	Think and Discuss – Literature Canvas Exercises Timed Writing #4
Week 11 May 2-8	Essay Writing – Compare/Contrast Citing Sources Reading – Short Stories	Think and Discuss – Literature Canvas Exercises
Week 12 May 9-15	Essay Writing – Compare/Contrast Citing Sources Reading – Short Stories	Think and Discuss – Literature Canvas Exercises Timed Writing #5
Week 13 May 16-22	Essay Writing – Argumentation Citing Sources Reading – Short Stories	Think and Discuss – Literature Canvas Exercises Essay – Compare and Contrast
Week 14 May 23-29	Essay Writing – Argumentation Citing Sources Reading – Short Stories	Think and Discuss – Literature Canvas Exercises Summary Writing
Week 15 May 30- June 5	TBA	
Week 16 June 5-10	Final Paper Due	Essay – Argumentation Final Exam

*****Subject to change without prior notice*****