Basic Course Information

Semester:	**Fall 2025**	Instructor Name:	Monica G. Castro
Course Title & #:	ESL 880: Intermediate Beg ESL 1	Email:	monica.castro@imperial.edu
CRN #:	22036		
Classroom:	Room C-10 SDSU	Office hours:	By appointment
Class Dates:	08/11/25-10/04/25		
Class Days:	Monday-Thursday	Office Phone #:	
Class Times:	8:30-11:20 am	Emergency Contact:	
Units:	Noncredit	Class Format/Modality:	In person

Course Description

ESL 880 is an integrated skills course designed for ESL students to develop literacy and communication skills at the intermediate-beginning level. Students learn how to speak and write about everyday topics in English. Students develop reading skills, knowledge of vocabulary, grammatical competence, and overall language comprehension. This course may be taken concurrently with ESL 881

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

None!
Student Learning OutcomesUpon course completion, the successful student will have acquired new skills, knowledge, and or attitudes as demonstrated by being able to:
1. Speaking: Can use brief, everyday expressions to ask for and give personal details.
2. Listening: Can identify key information from short audio recordings, if spoken slowly and clearly.
 3. Writing: Can write short basic descriptions of everyday activities, given a model.

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. Initiate and respond to simple statements and questions;
2. Listen and understand materials at the high-beginning level on a variety of topics from various sources;
3. Understand short, simple texts;
4. Write sentences and simple phrases;
5. Talk about routines;

Textbooks & Other Resources or Links

Textbooks and Materials: • Ellii Online ESL Curriculum

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↑ these materials are free!

Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

 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. This class will also consist of activities on Ellii.com including discussions 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 or No pass

Academic Honesty (Artificial Intelligence -AI)

IVC values critical thinking and communication skills and considers academic integrity essential to learning. Using AI tools as a replacement for your own thinking, writing, or quantitative reasoning goes against both our mission and academic honesty policy and will be considered academic dishonesty, or plagiarism unless you have been instructed to do so by your instructor. In case of any uncertainty regarding the ethical use of AI tools, students are encouraged to reach out to their instructors for clarification.

Course Policies

Participation Policy: People learn better when they are connected as a community. I encourage and expect all students to attend 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 .

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