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Basic Course Information

Semester:	Spring 2026	Instructor Name:	Cecilia Aceves
Course Title & #:	ESL 825	Email:	Cecilia.aceves@imperial.edu
CRN #:	22008	Webpage (optional):	
Classroom:	MILLER 2	Office #:	MILLER 2
Class Dates:	April.23-June 6	Office Hours:	Thursdays 5:00-5:30PM
Class Days:	T , Th	Office Phone #:	
Class Times:	5:30PM-7:45PM	Emergency Contact:	N/A
Units:	C/NC	Class Format/Modality:	In Person

Course Description

[A short-term intensive course in Survival English for speakers with little or no oral or written English competency. Mainly for learners whose main interest is to learn a level of English that will allow them to marginally function in the U.S. culture. It will teach students the rudiments of English, utilizing such methods as repetitive drills (TPR), songs, dialog repetition, etc. (Nontransferable, nondegree applicable)]

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

None

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. Complete a conversation in English using appropriate grammar and vocabulary.*
- 2. Complete a simple form in English.*

Course Objectives

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

- 1. Identify furniture and appliances*
- 2. Understand vowel and consonant phonics*
- 3. Understand the social nonacceptance of certain personal habits and mannerisms, polite and rude behavior, etc.*
- 4. Make simple apologies, excuse oneself, get another's attention both verbally and non verbally, ask for clarification, repeat and use learned phrases, express gratitude.*
- 5. Use the telephone, including dialing 911, giving one's name and address over the telephone, briefly describing an accident, fire, injury, etc.*
- 6. Identify units of U.S. currency, read and write simple amounts of money, count and add money*
- 7. Identify common foods shared across cultures, express likes and dislikes in two-to-three word phrases, identify basic colors*
- 8. Identify different times of day, tell time (both analog and digital), write the time by the hour and half hour, use appropriate greetings for the times of day, recognize days of the week, months, year, and date.*
- 9. Complete simple application forms*



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Textbooks & Other Resources or Links

Textbook

Bitterlin, Johnson, Price, Ramirez. 2018. *Ventures 1 Workbook*. 3rd Cambridge. ISBN: 9781108450539.

Bitterlin, Johnson, Price, Ramirez. 2018. *Ventures 1*. 3rd Cambridge. ISBN: 9781108449557.

OER Textbook

. 2024. *Ellii (formerly ESL Library)*. (CEFR A0) Red River Press. ISBN: <https://ellii.com/>.

Text Other

No textbook required. Instructor handouts may be provided.

Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

You are required to attend class meeting and participate in class activities as well as complete assignments and take the assessments.

Method of Evaluation: Class Activity, Oral Assignments, Problem Solving Exercise, Skill Demonstration, Written Assignments

Instructional Methodology: Audio Visual, Demonstration, Discussion, Group Activity,

Lecture, Distance Learning Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

Pass or No pass is decided based on attendance.

This class is PASS/ NO PASS. You need at least 70% to pass the class.

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

This class aims to help you develop your English skills; therefore, you are expected to communicate in English only at all times (spoken and written communication).

Other Course Information

N/A

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

- 04/23 Week 1: Furniture
- 04/28-04/30 Week 2: Appliances & Vowel/Consonants
- 05/05-05/07 Week 3: Apologizing and Expressing Gratitude
- 05/12-05/14 Week 4: Using the telephone to call 911

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- 05/19-05/21 Week 5: Identifying Currency
- 05/26-05/28 Week 6: Identify Common Foods
- 06/02-06/04 Week 7: Tell time of day

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