

Basic Course Information

Semester:	Spring 2026	Instructor Name:	Alex Garza (Mr. Garza)
Course Title & #:	ESL 890: Advanced Beginning ESL 1	Email:	alex.garza@imperial.edu
CRN #:	22058	Webpage (Canvas):	imperial.instructure.com
Classroom:	Zoom – link posted in Canvas	Office #:	Zoom
Class Dates:	February 17th – April 16th	Office Hours:	M 1:55 – 2:55pm T 1:55 – 2:55pm W 1:55 – 2:55pm Th 1:55 – 2:55pm Or by Appointment
Class Days:	MTWTH	Office Phone #:	760-355-6229
Class Times:	8:15am – 10:50 am	Emergency Contact:	ESL receptionist: 760-355-6337
Units:	Noncredit	Class Format:	Real Time Online / Zoom

Course Description

ESL 890 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 891. (CEFR A2) (Nontransferable, nondegree applicable)

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

None! All are welcome, but completion of ESL 881 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 make 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 short simple notes or messages using simple phrases and sentences with connectors "and", "but", "or".

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. Follow straightforward talks on familiar topics;
2. Understand the main points in clear, standard language on familiar matters regularly encountered at work, school, leisure, etc., including short narratives;
3. Present on a variety of subjects with clear organization using appropriate signals;
4. Maintain a conversation or discussion;
5. Use generally accurate pronunciation, including intonation and stress;
6. Demonstrate knowledge of sufficient vocabulary to express ideas on most topics pertinent to everyday life such as family, hobbies and interests, work, travel, and current events.

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](#))

Textbooks and Materials:

- Canvas, Ellii, Pronto
 ↑ these materials are free!

Additional Supplies: you will need the following

- 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

*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.

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

Attendance	50%
Ellii Activities	25%
In-Class Zoom Assignments	25%
	100%
100% - 70%	= Pass
69% - 0%	= No Pass

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



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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

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

Week	Topic	Activities and Assignments
Week 1 Feb 17 th – 19 th	Introduction to the course	Syllabus Intro Canvas Zoom Pronto Class Expectations Autobiography Ellii – Lunar New Year/Mardi Gras
Week 2 Feb 23 rd – 26 th	Writing Basics	Parts of speech Nouns, pronouns, adjectives, adverbs, prepositions Parts of a sentence
Week 3 Mar 2 nd – 5 th	Infinitives and Gerunds Past Tense	Discussion of Topics Vocabulary Aural and Oral practice
Week 4 Mar 9 th – 12 th	Past Tense	Discussion of Topics Vocabulary Aural and Oral practice
Week 5 Mar 16 th – 19 th	Past Progressive	Discussion of Topics Vocabulary – St. Patrick's Day Aural and Oral practice
Week 6 Mar 23 rd – 26 th	Past Progressive	Discussion of Topics Vocabulary Aural and Oral practice
Week 7 Mar 30 th – Apr 2 nd	Future	Discussion of Topics Vocabulary – April Fool's Day/Easter Aural and Oral practice
Week 8 Apr 13 th - 16 th	Future	Discussion of Topics Vocabulary Aural and Oral practice

Subject to change without prior notice