

2023 Summer Institute

AL 2290: Academic English

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

AL (Applied Linguistics) 2290: Academic English is designed to improve your academic and general English skills. Instruction focuses on developing reading, listening, writing, speaking, vocabulary, research, and critical thinking skills. Students will engage in the following activities:

Reading

- Read and analyze various types of material.
- Participate in discussions about the readings
- Take quizzes over the short lectures.

Listening

- Listen to short lectures and take notes.
- Participate in discussions about the lectures.
- Take quizzes over the short lectures.

Writing

- Cover the components of an academic essay.
- Write short essays on relevant topics.

Speaking

- Learn the principles of effective presentations.
- Prepare and give brief oral presentations.

Vocabulary ▪ Research ▪ Critical Thinking

- Use general and academic vocabulary and structures in writing and speaking.
- Learn to use online tools for conducting research on relevant topics.
- Integrate critical thinking skills into all aspects of the course.



GRADING

Classwork & Homework	25%
Essays & Writing	25%
Presentations & Speaking	25%
Participation & Attendance	25%

A+	97-100	A	93-96	A -	90-92
B+	87-89	B	83-86	B -	80-82
C+	77-79	C	73-76	C -	70-72
	D	60-69	F	< 60	

ATTENDANCE & PARTICIPATION



- Attendance is essential for success, and active participation is required. You will participate in pair and group activities with classmates from potentially different cultures, language backgrounds, and language proficiencies.
- If you are unable to attend class or complete daily coursework, communicate with the instructor promptly. The Office of International Initiatives will be notified of any absences.

ACADEMIC HONESTY

You must submit your own work and conduct yourself in an honest manner. One aspect of academic honest is plagiarism, which can include the following:

- Copying information from another student's work or from other materials and submitting that work as your own.
- Using other people's ideas, words, research or data without properly documenting or acknowledging the source.
- Submitting the same work for more than once course.
- Overusing sources with incorporating your own ideas.



REQUIRED MATERIALS



The professor will provide course materials electronically or through online sources. However, students should always have the following in class:

- Paper and pen/pencil to take notes.
- A folder or other mechanism to store handouts.
- A USB flash drive or e-storage system.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

This course will incorporate experiential learning, which is the process of learning through experience, aka hands-on learning.

This takes place two ways:

- *Class outings*
- *Personal engagement*



These outings and engagement include places of local interest (cultural sites, museums), activities, or even basic things like observations in the local community.

Students will then use these experiences as a means of reflection and critical thinking that are documented in the form of writing, discussions, or presentations.

***This syllabus and the accompanying schedule is a guide.
Changes can be made by the instructor as needed.***