



Winthrop High School

Syllabus: ESL I

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Materials Needed:

Folder, Journal/Notebook, Blue / Black and Red Pens, Pencils & Eraser, and Highlighters

Couse Description and Expectations

ESL I is a year-long course. It introduces you to basic and intermediate structures and vocabulary of the English Language through the skills of reading, writing, listening and speaking to function proficiently in social situations as well as learn challenging academic content through the curriculum. The acquisition of language skills (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) occurs as you use English effectively in a variety of social and academic settings. This means that you will need to actively participate in all activities that involve the use of the English language. You will learn strategies in order to advance your reading, listening, and pronunciation skills. Additionally, you will expand oral comprehensibility and write complete sentences, a standard paragraph, and short content-based essays. A goal of this course is that you will learn to utilize level-appropriate conventions of grammar and punctuation with a minimum of errors.

Standards: *We have five **WIDA** standards and the four domains of speaking, listening, reading, and writing are embedded in each of these:*

- Standard 1: Social & Instructional Language
- Standard 2: The language of Language Arts
- Standard 3: The language of Mathematics
- Standard 4: The language of Science
- Standard 5: The language of Social Studies.

These standards as well as the *Massachusetts State Curriculum Frameworks* drive the context of our course work throughout the year.

Policies for Success: Attendance, Deadlines, Work Ethic, etc.

- ✚ For both teachers and students to be successful, it is necessary to have a calm, respectful, and productive classroom.
- ✚ It is important that you attend class, actively participate in classroom discussions, and complete all reading and writing assignments on time with a critical eye for *quality*.
- ✚ It is important to be on time, prepared, as well as organized.
- ✚ Maintaining tolerance towards different backgrounds or opinions is imperative.



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- ✚ Doing your best, being positive and respectful to yourself and others will help you to succeed.
- ✚ Taking responsibility for your learning and performance.
- ✚ Don't shortchange yourself by wasting your time, wasting the time of others, making excuses, or cheating.
- ✚ Most importantly, ask for help when you need it.

Assessment/ Grading/ Evaluation Practices

- ✚ Your grades will be based on the classroom assignments, tests, homework and active class participation.
- ✚ Work missed because of an absence must be made up as soon as possible. If you need to make up a test, a quiz, or a class activity, see me as soon as you return to set up a time to make it up.
- ✚ Each assignment, quiz, class activity, or exam has a set number of points. All points are weighted equally.
- ✚ Late Assignments – are NOT acceptable. Your work needs to be turned in on time.
- ✚ All late assignments will be have 5% of full credit deducted each day they are late.
- ✚ You will have the opportunity for extra credit periodically. Please take advantage of these opportunities!

Exams, Quizzes, Assignments, Homework

At various times throughout the course, quizzes may be given on vocabulary terms, grammar, and reading comprehension. At the end of the first semester there will be a midterm exam and at the end of the second semester there will be a comprehensive final exam.

These quizzes/ tests can include any combination of questions, including essay questions. There are also W.I.D.A. level appropriate informational reading assignments about American culture and customs, topical current events, and well as readings from literature, short stories, etc. Research projects are also assigned in Google Slide Show. All quizzes and projects have a percentage of 0 – 100%, and carry the same weight as all other grades. Exams are graded in accordance with WHS exam policies.

And finally, **WELCOME** to the ESL Class! I am looking forward to working with you. I am here to help you do the best that you possibly can in this course. Do not hesitate to ask questions, and take pride in all that you do in this class.



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Note to the reader: This syllabus is given to the student in English and in the student's primary language.