



De Anza College—Spring 2025

ESL 255/455: High Intermediate Reading/Writing/Grammar

Classroom: L65 and Canvas

Class Schedule: M/W 9:30-12:20

Teacher: Tram Dang, Ph.D.

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Office Hours: M/W: 8:30-9:30 (L65)

Course Website: <https://deanza.instructure.com/courses/40189>

Holidays:

- May 24-26: Memorial Day Weekend - no classes, offices closed
- June 19: Juneteenth Holiday - no classes, offices closed

Textbooks & Materials:

- Course Packet - Available in Canvas
- Laptop/Tablet & Internet Access
- 8 1/2 x 11 paper or notebook
- Folder or binder to organize class handouts

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course develops high-intermediate reading comprehension, vocabulary, and writing skills using high-intermediate grammar. Students will be able to write well-organized and well-developed descriptive, narrative, and explanatory paragraphs.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES (SLOs):

- Develop high intermediate English reading comprehension skills and vocabulary building skills in extended written materials.
- Demonstrate understanding and usage of high intermediate vocabulary in readings and writing.
- Write well-developed, single and connected narrative, descriptive, and explanatory paragraphs demonstrating high intermediate grammar and vocabulary in response to reading materials.
- Evaluate own writing for rhetorical structure, clarity, organization, and grammatical correctness by means of revision and editing.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- A.** Demonstrate reading comprehension for both content and organization of high-intermediate reading materials by using a variety of reading skills.
- B.** Expand high frequency words, academic vocabulary, and idioms.
- C.** Demonstrate knowledge and skills in using high intermediate sentences and paragraphs free of major/global errors that interfere with meaning.
- D.** Write organized and well-developed single and connected paragraphs of description, narration, and explanations that reflect diverse perspectives and demonstrate topic unity based on readings.
- E.** Evaluate own writing for content, clarity, punctuation, spelling, and grammatical correctness by means of revision and editing

COURSE POLICIES:

Attendance: Plan to attend every class and always arrive a few minutes before class begins. Students who miss class any time during the first two weeks will automatically be dropped. If you are absent or late, please contact your study-buddy or check Canvas to find out what you missed. Quizzes and graded assignments under the *participation category* cannot be made-up.

Academic Integrity: Academic integrity is honesty concerning all aspects of academic performance and is part of the DAC Student Conduct Code. Academic dishonesty includes plagiarism. Plagiarism means to give the teacher someone else's writing and say that you wrote it. Plagiarism includes using someone else's words or ideas on any assignment. You will receive a zero on any work that you do not do yourself. Repeated plagiarism could result in failing the course.

Disruptive Behavior: The college will enforce all policies and procedures set forth in the *Standards of Student Conduct* (see catalog). Any student disrupting the class may be asked to leave that class. Administrative follow-up may result.

Late Assignments: Assignments more than one day late will NOT be accepted. All late assignments will receive 1/2 credit.

Quizzes: Quizzes will be announced and unannounced (pop quizzes). Quizzes and exams cover grammar points, vocabulary, and reading skills that we cover in class. Quizzes cannot be made up.

Exams: You will have a midterm and a final exam. Exams can only be made-up if you make arrangements with me **AHEAD** of time. Please refer to the class calendar for specific exam dates.

Formal Writing Assignments: We will write 3 formal, multi-draft writing assignments; some of these will be written during class time and others written at home. These assignments will be graded based on the final draft as well as the revisions made between drafts. A visit to the WRC will be required for each formal writing assignment before the final draft is due. Please refer to the class calendar for specific due dates.

Reading Journal: Each week, you will turn in one journal entry in Canvas. There are specific guidelines for this assignment, remember to read directions carefully.

GRADING CRITERIA:

CATEGORY	PERCENTAGE	GRADE CONVERSION
Participation:	10%	97-100=A+ 96-93=A 92-90=A- 87-89=B+ 83-86=B 80-82=B- 77-79=C+ 74-76=C 73-0=no pass
Homework:	15%	
Formal Writing Assignments:	30%	
Quizzes & Reading Journals	15%	
Midterm Exam:	10%	
Final Exam:	20%	
TOTAL	100%	

AMERICAN DISABILITY ACT (ADA): Students with disabilities or students who need special accommodations can meet with Disability Support Services (DSS) to discuss their needs. Contact Disability Support Services at <https://www.deanza.edu/dsps/> | Email: dss@deanza.edu | Phone: 408-430-7681. Please also discuss these with me so that I can better support you.

RESOURCES & SUPPORT

EXTRA SUPPORT on CAMPUS:

- Writing and Reading Center in AT 309
- Listening and Speaking Center in AT 304
- Math, Sciences and Technology Resource Center in S43
- Academic Skills Center in AT 302
- General Subject Tutoring in AT 305
- Disability Support Services in SCS 141

Student Health Resources:

- Health Services: <https://www.deanza.edu/healthservices/> , (408) 864-8732
- Psychological Services: <http://www.deanza.edu/psychologicalservices/> , (408) 864-8868
- Timely Care (excellent help for students): <https://www.deanza.edu/resources/timely.html>
- Crisis Hotlines: <https://www.deanza.edu/healthservices/hotlines.html>
- Title IX: <http://www.deanza.edu/titleix/>
- Disabled Student Services: <http://deanza.edu/dsps/dss/index.html> , (408) 864-8753
- Food Pantry: http://deanza.edu/outreach/food_pantry.html , (408) 864-8327

Emergency and Police:

- Emergency Information: <https://www.deanza.edu/collegeops/emergencies/>
- Campus Police:
 - **From a campus phone: Dial 9-1-1** (You don't need to dial "9" before calling 9-1-1 from a campus phone.)
 - **From a mobile phone: Call 408.924.8000**
 - **For non-emergencies:** Call 650.949.7313 or dial extension 7-3-1-3 from campus phones

Academic Resources:

- Admissions and Records: <http://deanza.edu/admissions/index.html>
- Academic Calendar: <http://www.deanza.edu/calendar/>
- Bookstore: <http://deanza.edu/bookstore/>
- Distance Learning: <http://deanza.edu/online-ed/>
- Faculty and Staff Directories: <http://deanza.edu/directory/>
- Final Exams: <http://www.deanza.edu/calendar/finalexams.html>
- Library: <http://www.deanza.edu/library/>
- Men of Color Community: <https://www.deanza.edu/mc2/>
- Pride Center: <https://www.deanza.edu/pride/>
- Registration Instructions and Guide: <http://www.deanza.edu/registration/>
- Student Success Center: <http://www.deanza.edu/studentsuccess/>
- Undocumented Students: <http://www.deanza.edu/students/undocumented.html>

Community Resources:

- Billy de Frank LGBT Community Center: <http://www.defrankcenter.org/>
- Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233, 1-800-787-3224 (TTY), <https://www.thehotline.org/>
- Second Harvest Food Bank: <http://www.shfb.org/>
- SIREN (Services Immigrant Rights & Education Network): <http://www.siren-bayarea.org/>

I am looking forward to working with you this quarter. Feel free to reach out if you need any support!