EN 557 Teaching ESL  
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COURSE INFORMATION

Materials

*Textbook(s) Required:*


Course Description:

Teaching ESL, is an online class that introduces methods used in teaching English as a second language. We will cover an historical overview of methods that have been utilized in the field and then engage in a more specific focus on teaching techniques currently employed in teaching ESL to adults. This is an introductory level graduate course and no background in this area is required.

Student Learning Outcomes:

1. The student will be an active and engaged participant by analyzing, constructing and evaluating information presented within the textbooks, additional readings and participating in online activities.
2. The student will engage in the study of a variety of teaching methods and techniques and thereby make explicit their own their of language teaching principles.
3. The student will engage in instructional material design by generating lesson plans and materials suitable for ESL/EFL instruction.
In order to complete the course successfully, you will be expected to read all assignments and complete all weekly activities. In addition, you will be expected to take two quizzes, a mid-term and a final examination, and write a short term paper.

The first order of the day is to make sure you know how to participate in an on-line course by taking the tutorial (see "Stop and Read This" on the course home page). If you've already had an on-line course this step can be skipped.

Our work week runs from Monday at 12:00 am to Sunday 11:59 pm. So, Week 1 begins on Monday, August 30, at 12:00 am and ends on Sunday, September 5 at 11:59 pm. All weekly activities must be received by Sunday at 11:59 pm. No late activities will be accepted. Late activities will receive a grade of zero.

Assessment and Instruction:

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Virtual Office:

Please post class- and materials-related questions in the Virtual Office so all students can benefit from your question and (I hope) my answer. I usually check the Virtual Office on a daily basis except Sunday. Private matters (such as grade questions) should be taken care of by e-mail. Please do not leave telephone messages.

Contacting eCollege for Technical Support:

The following support options are available 24 hours a day / 7 days a week:

- **Help**: Click on the ‘Help’ button on the toolbar for information regarding working with eCollege (i.e. How to submit to dropbox, How to post to discussions etc…)
- **Chat Support**: Click on ‘Live Support’ on the tool bar within your course to chat with an eCollege Representative.
- **Phone**: 1-866-656-5511 (Toll Free) to speak with eCollege Technical Support Representative.
- **Email**: helpdesk@online.tamuc.org to initiate a support request with eCollege Technical Support Representative.
- All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. (See Student’s Guidebook, Policies and Procedures, Code of Student Conduct)

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**
I expect that students will exhibit courtesy toward others in this online class. Courtesy means NOT engaging in online rudeness or refusing to focus on group or class discussion. Courtesy
means engaging in such behaviors such as listening carefully to others, accepting that various points of views can be valid, maintaining a focus on the discussion in hand and treating others as you wish to be treated.

UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

Academic Honesty Policy

Texas A&M University-Commerce does not tolerate plagiarism and other forms of academic dishonesty. Conduct that violates generally accepted standards of academic honesty is defined as academic dishonesty. “Academic dishonesty” includes, but is not limited to, plagiarism (the appropriation or stealing of the ideas or words of another and passing them off as one’s own), cheating on exams or other course assignments, collusion (the unauthorized collaboration with others in preparing course assignments), and abuse (destruction, defacing, or removal) of resource material.

ADA Statement

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

Office of Student Disability Resources and Services
Texas A&M University-Commerce
Gee Library 132
Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835
Fax (903) 468-8148
StudentDisabilityServices@tamu-commerce.edu
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