



ESL 0431

Division: Humanities

Department: ESL

Course: ESL 0431

Title: Level 2 American Culture and Values for International Students

Catalog Description:

This course will provide international students with an introduction to American culture and values. Students will read and discuss essays dealing with different aspects of American culture, values, and thought. Field trips to local businesses, ranches, museums, and schools also play a significant role in helping students gain firsthand experience.

General Education Requirements: N/A

Semesters Offered: Summer, Fall 1, Fall 2, Spring 1, Spring 2

Credit/Time Requirement: Credit: 1.5; Lecture: 3; Lab: 0

Clock/Hour Requirements: 0

Offered for Non-Credit: No

Prerequisites: Placement in ESL 0431 through the department

Justification:

The ESL Department at Snow College houses the intensive ESL program which is accredited through the American Association of Intensive English Programs (AAIEP). The four-level program provides instruction for students at Levels 1, 2, 3, and 4 (elementary through exiting levels). This course is part of the core curriculum for Level 2.

Student Learning Outcomes:

Successful students will understand the differences and similarities between the cultural values of their own countries and those of the United States. They will have increased English reading and writing abilities, and vocabulary through study of American culture and values.

Content:

Through readings and discussions, this course will focus on cultural topics, such as food, family life, religion, advertising, leisure activities, sports, architecture, vacationing and recreation, politics, dating, and marriage customs.

General Education Outcomes:

Key Performance Indicators:

At the instructor's discretion the following criteria will be used for the purpose of assessment.

Attendance	15-25%
Class participation	15-25%
Homework	15-25%
Quizzes	15-25%
Tests	25-35%

Percentages are approximate. Students who earn a grade below B (85%) will be required to repeat the course.

Representative Text and/or Supplies:

- Broukal and Milhomme, *More About the USA: A Cultural Reader*, current edition, Longman.

Optimum Class Size: 10

Maximum Class Size: 20

Signatures:

I hereby submit this course syllabus:

Diane Ogden, MA, Associate Professor

I hereby find this course consistent with the goals and resources of the ESL Department:

Diane Ogden, MA, Associate Professor, Chair

I hereby find this course consistent with the goals and resources of the Humanities Division:

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