



ESL 1130

Division: Humanities

Department: ESL

Course: ESL 1130

Title: Level 4 American Culture and History

Catalog Description:

This course will provide international students with an introduction to American culture and history through reading and discussing essays. Students will research various topics regarding US government, history and culture, and report their findings to the class.

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: Successful completion of Level 3 in the ESL Department or placement in ESL 1130 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 (AAIIEP). 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 4.

Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will have a basic understanding and appreciation of US culture, government structure, history and geography.

Content:

In this course, students will study American history, US government and geography. They will complete research on various topics, such as historical holidays, Native Americans, immigrants, and individual states, and then present this information to their peers.

General Education Outcomes:

5) Apply a cultural and historical awareness to a variety of phenomena.

Students will learn about the history of the United States, the government, and the development of its society. Feedback will be provided by the instructor through written comments on graded assignments and class discussions.

Key Performance Indicators:

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

Attendance	15-25%
Class participation	10-15%
Homework	10-15%
Oral presentations	15-25%
Quizzes	10-15%
Reports	10-20%
Tests	15-25%

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

Representative Text and/or Supplies:

- Vivian Bernstein, *America's History Land of Liberty*, current edition, Steck-Vaughn.

Optimum Class Size: 12

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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